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4 soldiers wounded in Gush Katif attack

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GUNMEN opened fire on a military patrol near the perimeter fence of Ganei Tal in Gush Katif yesterday, seriously wounding one soldier and moderately wounding another.

Two others were lightly injured when the driver, who was hit, lost control of the jeep and it overturned and plunged 10 meters down a sand dune.

The seriously wounded soldier was identified as Eli Abu Zaglan, 22, of Mevasseret Yerushalyim, who was hit in the neck, the knee, and the abdomen. The moderately wounded soldier, Gil Roth, 20, of Kfar Sava, was hit in the cheek. Ya'acov Baum, 19, of Kiryat Motzkin, and tracker Azam Abu Kef, 31, from the Negev, were lightly injured. All four were taken by helicopter to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba.

"They fired at us continually for a long time – at least that's how it seemed," one of the soldiers said. "We returned fire, but I'm not sure we hit anyone, because very shortly after they opened fire, the jeep overturned, and we fell some 10 meters."

The incident occurred at about 6:15 a.m. The shots were fired from the second floor of a house under construction on the edge of Khan Yunis as the soldiers patrolled the road dividing Gush Katif and Khan Yunis, military sources said.

Three settlements – Ganei Tal, Neveh Dekalim, and Gadid – are within rifle range of the outskirts of the Khan Yunis refugee camp or the nearby Amal neighborhood.

The IDF searched for the attackers and made several arrests.

Hamas took responsibility for the attack. In a poster distributed in the Gaza Strip, the "Southern Area" Izzadin Kassam said it had ambushed the soldiers, firing two M-16s.

The poster said its purpose was to demonstrate that IDF soldiers cannot defend themselves, let alone settlers. It also implied that patrols of Palestinians (meaning PLO police) would not be able to prevent Hamas from acting against Israel.

In related developments, several shots were fired at an IDF jeep in Rafiah yesterday evening. No soldiers were hurt, but a local resident was wounded when the soldiers returned fire. It was not clear if he was involved in the attack.

In Gaza City, a pipe bomb exploded after being thrown at an IDF position. The bomber escaped.

No-confidence motions beaten as opposition heckles Peres

Unprecedented booing in Knesset

DAN IZENBERG

OPPOSITION MKs repeatedly booed and heckled Foreign Minister Shimon Peres yesterday during his polemical reply to no-confidence motions submitted by the Likud, Yi'ud, the NRP and Tsomet. The motions were easily defeated.

Peres spoke for an hour but could barely be heard over the din created by the opposition which interrupted his every sentence. MKs Naomi Blumenthal and Limor Livnat started booing Peres and other opposition MKs soon chimed in. Knesset old-timers said the booing was unprecedented.

Just before the vote, Speaker Shevah Weiss ejected Moledet MKs Rehavam Ze'evi and Yosef Ba-Gad who entered the chamber, opened up black umbrellas and shouted "Chamberlain," a reference to the umbrella-toting British prime minister who signed the 1938 Munich agreement with Hitler dismembering Czechoslovakia and leading to its eventual conquest by Germany.

The first two motions by the Likud and Tsomet-NRP were defeated by a vote of 52 to 41, with one abstention – that of Shas MK Yosef Azran, who was the only Shas MK in the chamber. However, Azran joined the opposition and voted against the government in the no-confidence motion by Yi'ud, which referred exclusively to the possibility of dismantling Jewish settlements in the Golan Heights.

It marked the first time since the present government was formed in July 1992 that a Shas MK voted against it in a no-confidence motion. Angry Labor Party leaders demanded a meeting with Shas officials to discuss Azran's violation of the political understanding between the government and Shas, and his violation of Shas's formal decision to abstain in the vote.

Earlier, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin delivered a dovish speech to the Labor faction defending the agreement reached in Cairo with the PLO and stressing the allegedly dangerous consequences of a stalemate in the talks with Damascus; however, he did little to assuage the fears of those Labor MKs – including Avigdor Kahalani, Eli Goldschmidt and Emanuel Zissman – who expressed concern over the reports that he was prepared to cede all of the Golan Heights in return for peace with Syria.

"I know what political deadlock leads to," said Rabin. "I do not want to see in the future a strategic axis including Damascus, Baghdad and Teheran. [Perhaps] not in two years [but] in 5-7 years. I don't say that deadlock means immediate war but I know what it will lead to."

Rabin used Moshe Dayan and Anwar Sadat as examples of leaders who backed down from uncompromising positions after their policies lead to heavy loss of life, indicating that he wanted to avoid their alleged mistakes. "We had to sacrifice the lives of 2,800 Israeli and 15,000 Egyptian soldiers in the Yom Kippur War for Sadat to take back his statement that he was ready to sacrifice one-and-a-half million Egyptians to destroy Israel. And someone else [Dayan] had to take back his words that Sharm el-Sheikh without peace was preferable to peace without Sharm el-Sheikh."

Rabin also asserted that Israel paid in blood for the occupation of Judea, Samaria and Gaza and that the settlements took away from instead of contributing to the security of the population. "The IDF is stretched to the limit," said Rabin. "I gave orders to strengthen the seam at the expense of other things so that there will not be more attacks in Afula and Hadera. Elon Moreh does not protect Afula. This needs to be said for once."

Peres denied Israel had given US Secretary of State Warren Christopher maps showing how far the government was prepared to withdraw in or from the Golan Heights, and demanded that Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu apologize for claiming otherwise.

Likud MK David Levy charged that the Israeli-PLO agreement was "the founding charter of the Palestinian state. The government says: we will not allow a Palestinian state to be established; [in fact, however,] it is being established with our consent."



Foreign Minister Peres shouts at the opposition in the Knesset yesterday. (AP)

Assad ready for normalization after withdrawal

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad told US Secretary of State Warren Christopher that he is ready for "normalization with Israel" at the end of full IDF withdrawal from the Golan Heights, two Israeli officials have confirmed.

Christopher relayed the message to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday morning.

The two held another round of talks last night at the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem.

Speaking to reporters outside Rabin's office earlier yesterday, Christopher signaled as much caution as hope.

"There is clearly a long distance to go, but it's significant that the parties are now talking on a broad, comprehensive range of issues," he said.

It marked the first time that Assad has explicitly said his country is willing to normalize ties. While Assad was not specific in defining the term, Israel has always wanted Damascus to use the term "normalization," which is widely seen as shorthand for full diplomatic relations, open borders, and so on.

"The progress on this Christopher visit to the region is that Israel spoke about withdrawal, and Assad spoke about normalization. For the first time, the US feels that this may work, and there is enough to begin future bargaining between the two sides," a senior Israeli official said.

A senior US official concurred privately that sufficient progress was made to enable future US diplomacy to seek to narrow the gaps between the sides. "We finally have substantive positions on both sides, and they are no longer talking slogans. There is serious engagement, but there is a long way to go," he said.

Another Israeli official said privately that Jerusalem wishes Assad would provide more details about normalization.

"Assad did say he agreed to normalization, but at the end of withdrawal. We would like him to be more specific and say diplomatic relations, but he told Christopher he is willing to negotiate its meaning."

In Rabin's proposal last week, Israel called for ambassadorial links after the end of the first phase of withdrawal, the return of Druse villages on the Golan.

In a summit meeting with President Bill Clinton earlier this year, Assad said he is willing to have "normal peace" with Israel. Israeli officials subsequently complained that this was insufficient.

Israeli officials termed Assad's overall response "very detailed." The Syrian leader also conveyed to Christopher his interest in shortening the period of IDF withdrawal, officials said. Rabin informed Christopher on Friday that he would be open to a three-phase withdrawal over five to eight years, but did not commit to full withdrawal.

Assad did not rule out a phased withdrawal, but would prefer it would all happen at once, and reiterated his insistence on complete withdrawal.

Damascus also stuck to its position that the redeployment of troops around the Golan must be "symmetrical," a position Israel rejects, saying withdrawal would put it at a disadvantage. Jerusalem has called for "mutual" redeployment.

Assad, however, rejected Israel's proposal that current Washington talks be upgraded to the foreign minister level or a military-to-military level. "The Syrians do not want a change in format," a senior US official said privately.

Rather, Assad prefers that Christopher continue his personal involvement, Israeli officials said, believing he is likely to return this month.

When asked today if he was planning a return in the next few weeks, Christopher replied, "I don't want to fix a time period for it. I emphasize that the United States is committed to this process, and my own personal willingness is do it within the limits of time that I have, but giving this a very high priority. So I don't want to put a time on it, but I will try not to let the process suffer from my unavailability."

Senior Israeli officials said, however, that the secretary of state would be returning to the region in two weeks' time to push the Israeli-Syrian track forward.

In a recent interview with the *Post*, Rabin said these talks "will lead nowhere" as long as Syria is not willing to simultaneously tackle an array of issues – the extent of peace, timetable of withdrawal, scope of security arrangements, and the relationship among the three.

Rabin and Christopher aides met during the day to flesh out details. US special Middle East peace talks coordinator Dennis Ross held a working group session on security issues with IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, Rabin military aide Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, and chief negotiator with the Syrians Itamar Rabinovich.

Christopher also briefed President Ezer Weizman for some 45 minutes yesterday on the talks with Assad.

Rabin to meet Arafat today

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin expects to resolve final issues with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Cairo later today before tomorrow's signing of the Gaza-Jericho accord.

Issues to be finalized are: modifications of the size of Jericho; whether a Palestinian policeman will symbolically be deployed on the Allenby Bridge; and whether Israel will release any Hamas prisoners.

The meeting is tentatively scheduled for five this afternoon at Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's Itahada Palace.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher will also be in Cairo this afternoon for his own talks with Egyptian officials in preparation for tomorrow's signing ceremony.

The ceremony is tentatively set for 11 a.m. and several foreign ministers are to participate, including Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev. Mubarak views this ceremony as showcasing Cairo's role in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, Police Minister Moshe Shahal, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, and Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni are to accompany Rabin. Transportation Minister Yisrael Kessar has been deputized by the cabinet to be acting premier and foreign minister in Rabin and Peres's absence.

'Free at last,' declares victorious Mandela

De Klerk concedes defeat in South African elections

JOHANNESBURG (AP) – African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela claimed victory last night in South Africa's first all-race national elections.

"Free at last!" he said, eight days before he was due to be inaugurated as the country's first black president.

Two and a half hours after President F.W. de Klerk conceded defeat, Mandela stood before an ecstatic crowd in a ballroom draped in ANC colors to accept the reward of a life spent fighting apartheid.

"This is your victory too," Mandela said. "You helped end apartheid."

With about 44 percent of the estimated 22.7 million votes counted, the ANC had 62.6% to 23.7% for de Klerk's National Party. The Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party was a distant third with 6.2%, followed by the pro-apartheid Freedom Front with 2.8%.

"We may not have done as well as we hoped," Mandela said, referring to hopes the group would win a two-thirds majority. "But that is how democracy works."

The ANC was projected to win around 240 seats in the new 400-seat Parliament, which will select a president certain to be Mandela on Friday. On May 10, the new leader will be inaugurated at a ceremony attended by world leaders.

Mandela's speech, and that of de Klerk, marked the end of a remarkable era that began with Mandela's release from prison in February 1990 and culminated last week when the country's black majority voted Tuesday-Friday in the first all-race democratic election.

About 300 people, many of them weeping, watched de Klerk as he conceded the end of his presidency at National Party headquarters in Pretoria.

"Next Tuesday I shall lay down my responsibilities as state president," de Klerk said. "I shall be handing over the presidency to Mr. Mandela."

"Mr. Mandela has walked a long road and now stands at the top of the hill," he said of the ANC leader, who spent 27 years in prison for opposing the policies imposed by de Klerk's party. "I hold out my hand to Mr. Mandela in friendship and in cooperation."

"I never thought I would see this happen, to see this man go," said one mixed-race woman, crying bitterly.

The mood at ANC election headquarters in the Carlton Hotel in downtown Johannesburg was far more upbeat. Mandela, wearing a dark suit, danced on stage as hundreds of supporters joined a choir in singing Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika, or God Bless Africa.

"This is one of the most important moments in the life of our country," he said.

"Now is the time for celebration, for South Africans to join together to celebrate the birth of democracy."

De Klerk is expected to serve as one of two vice presidents, and in his speech he made clear he expected to maintain a powerful presence in government.

"During the past four years, we have proved that we can work together," de Klerk said, referring to the relationship he has nurtured with Mandela since freeing him from prison four years ago. "Despite our differences, our relationship has become a symbol of the ability of South Africans from widely different backgrounds to cooperate in the national interest. This spirit will be essential to the success of the government of national unity."

De Klerk, the product of a traditional Afrikaner family, took office in 1989 and was expected to continue the hard-line policies of his predecessor, P.W. Botha. But he shocked the world by announcing the imminent end of apartheid, and in February 1990 he freed Mandela from a life prison term for opposing apartheid.

Within months the two men had launched negotiations that led to a new constitution guaranteeing equal rights for blacks and whites and clearing the way for all-race elections.

Voting took place in a mood of national euphoria over four days last week.



Nelson Mandela is all smiles as he prepares to give his victory address in Johannesburg. (AP)



F.W. de Klerk greets unhappy supporters at the National Party headquarters in Pretoria. (AP)

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Agreement signed on Hebron observers

News agencies

PALESTINIAN and Israeli officials yesterday signed an agreement in Copenhagen to send a 160-member observer force to Hebron by May 8.

The presence of the force, named "Temporary International Presence in Hebron," will be limited to three months.

The force will be made up of unarmed Norwegian, Danish, and Italian soldiers, who will wear white uniforms and have arm bands marked "observers."

"Their task will be to promote stability," said Labib Terzi, a former PLO envoy to the UN. Terzi signed the agreement with Yohanan Bein, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, and government representatives from the participating countries.

An advance group of 11 observers is currently in Hebron preparing for the arrival of the rest of the force.

The force will be made up of 35 Danes, 35 Italians and 90 Norwegians. Sixty soldiers will be field observers and the rest office staff or support personnel. The observers will be commanded by a Norwegian.

"According to the agreement they could be armed if they so wished for their self-defense," said Bein. "Your countries have decided that it's safer not be armed."

"We're not going to attack them, only a madman will. And then a pistol doesn't help," said Terzi.

The agreement said the observers are barred from entering any military installations or private homes without permission. Their stay could be extended beyond three months, if all parties agree.

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Ramon's list transfers NIS 1m. to Shas

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Ramon-Meretz list has allocated one million shekels to Shas's newspaper *Yom Leyom*, out of the list's NIS 12 million budget for the Histadrut elections. Meretz leaders said yesterday that the sum is intended for Shas's election campaign for the Histadrut in the haredi sector.

Yom Leyom has in recent weeks been mainly responding to attacks by other segments of the haredi sector, who have been highly critical of Shas's decision to join forces with Meretz in these elections. Last week *Yom Leyom* published an interview with Shas leader Aryeh Deri, who boasted about the concessions the Ramon-Meretz list had made on issues relating to women's rights, in exchange for Shas's support.

Labor leaders and large trade union leaders responded to news of the funds allocations by calling it a direct payoff for Shas's joining the list. Shas's election campaign is a joke, they said, because Shas is not represented in the Histadrut or among the working public eligible to vote for the Histadrut.

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli said the sum that Ramon's list is paying Shas "is worth almost two thousand days of advertising, and we know what is behind this payment. The public is intelligent enough to understand that too, and will judge it."

Shas's MK Shlomo Benizri said yesterday that so far some NIS 500,000 have already been transferred to the newspaper, intended to cover all the election activities, including support gatherings, parlor meetings, copywriting and advertising. He referred to this as "a paltry sum."

Meretz's MK Ran Cohen yesterday accused Labor of conducting what he called a racist campaign against Shas, in blasting the Ramon-Meretz union with the haredi party. He said he was proud to do battle shoulder-to-shoulder with Shas.

Shahal warns of more attacks by Gaza/Jericho pact opponents

LIAT COLLINS and BILL HUTMAN

POLICE Minister Moshe Shahal warned yesterday that increased terror attacks were likely by Arab opponents of the Gaza/Jericho agreement, with security sources adding that preparations were also being made to deal with Jewish unrest.

Speaking at a conference of spokesmen in Jerusalem, Shahal said that "opponents on both sides have the common goal of proving that it's not possible for Palestinians and Israelis to come to agreement."

Shahal said that Palestinian leaders were concerned about managing after the IDF withdraws from the autonomous areas.

"The Palestinians are very worried about the potential boomerang effect if they don't succeed in controlling terror. This is their opportunity to show thy can rule responsibly and they dare not fail," Shahal said.

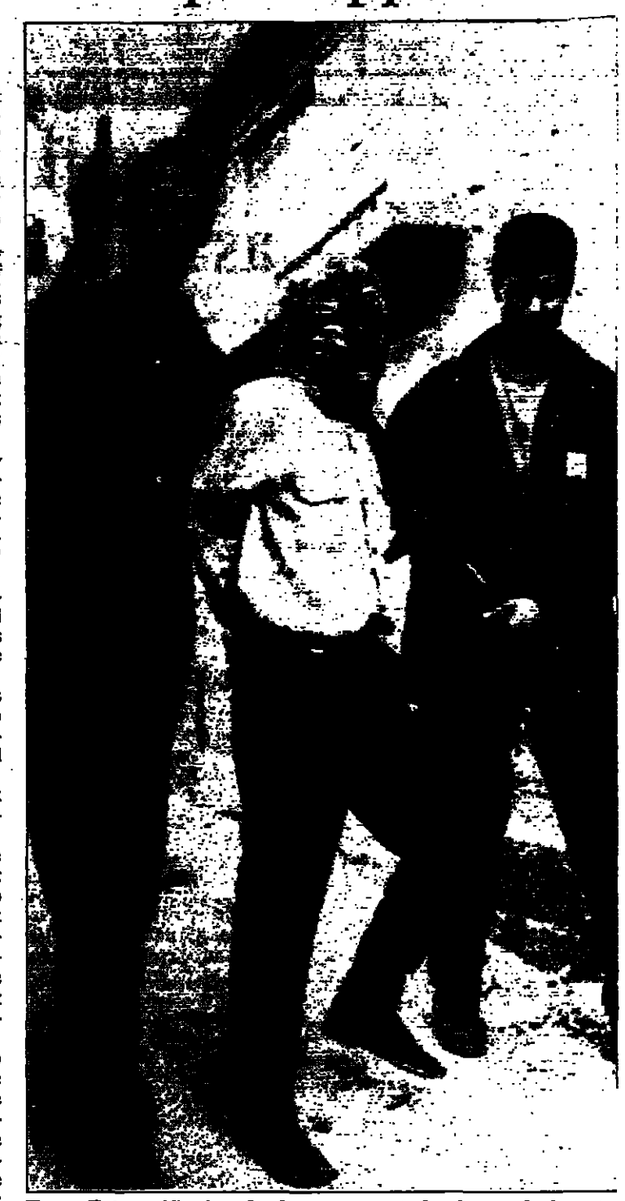
Added manpower will be necessary on the three roads established for "safe passage" for Palestinians between Gaza and Jericho, he noted.

"Police patrols and helicopters will have to check the roads to ensure that the people are traveling from point A to point B and not to Tel Aviv," he explained.

The burden of security work will fall on border police, not soldiers, Shahal predicted.

"The advantages of using police instead of the IDF include the fact that they are better trained to cope with the situation than tank drivers and that if they are involved in an incident it won't escalate at the international level the way it might if the IDF steps in. It also leaves the IDF to act as deterrent," he said.

Several questions relating to law enforcement remain open, he added. Although there will be joint Israeli-Palestinian police patrols, it is not yet clear who will be entitled to give whom a police report; in what court people will be tried, and in cases of accidents, for example, whether the level of compensation will be determined according to Israeli or Palestinian levels, which are much lower.



Two Fatah Hawks lead a suspected drug dealer to interrogation in Rafiah yesterday. Thousands of Palestinian policemen are to begin operating in the Gaza Strip and Jericho tomorrow. (AP)

Palestinian unpreparedness may cause water shortage in Gaza

LIAT COLLINS

THE Palestinians are not ready to handle water issues in the autonomous areas and the lack of water management might cause a drinking water shortage in Gaza, Water Commissioner Gideon Tsur said yesterday.

Despite the announcement of the establishment of a Palestinian Water Authority made two weeks ago in Tunis and repeated in Oman during the multilateral talks on water, there is no sign of such a body, he said.

"Overpumping in Gaza amounts to 30 million cubic meters a year. There is sewage pollution from all sorts of sources and a lack of licensing to control drilling," Tsur said, adding: "I can definitely foresee a situation in which the water system collapses unless a central water authority is quickly established."

A typical example of the problems, he said, is the desalination plant built by the civil administration in Dir El-Balah, which was finished six months ago but is still not in operation.

"It is one of the plants we built to promote the use of treated and purified water. Mekorot set up the plant and we trained a Palestinian team to operate it. We handed it over to them and found that it is working a zero number of days a week. It's more convenient and cheaper to not operate the plant and the water bypasses it. They compensate for this by pumping more from other sources," he said.

"I see this as a case of complete negligence. The same is true also of sewage treatment plants that we built for them. This involves a serious threat of pollution. If sewage treatment plants are not operated there is a spillover of raw sewage concentrated in one area," he said.

Jewish settlements in Gaza will not be affected by the water crisis because they will continue to receive their supply via Mekorot pipelines that draw water from within the Green Line, he noted.

The Palestinians also buy some water from Mekorot, Tsur said, but it is not clear whether they have the means to continue paying for it or will resort to using well water alone.

The situation in Jericho is better, as there are more natural supplies of water in the city. "Though they might have to learn to be more efficient in utilizing it," he said.

Israel has promised to hand over all the data on water supplies to the Palestinians when a body is established to deal with the matter.

Palestinian jobs must be created immediately, ILO says

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

THE Palestinian self-governing body must act immediately to preserve and create jobs throughout the territories, a report released yesterday by the Geneva-based International Labor Organization asserts.

The PLO must help train or retrain 12,000 former political prisoners and ensure the maintenance of the 13,000 Palestinian jobs now funded by the civil administration in the Gaza Strip, it recommends.

The report's conclusions were reached after an ILO delegation visited the territories in December at the PLO's request.

"The whole thrust is to ensure that the unemployment situation does not impose a threat to the peace process, which we believe it can," Shukri Zaki Dajani, ILO's assistant director-general for Arab states, said in an interview here yesterday.

The ILO study cautions against cuts in social security and unemployment relief that "would be detrimental to the social stability required to facilitate a smooth transition to a Palestinian authority."

The report, entitled "Capacity Building for Social development," calls on the Palestinian autonomy authorities to encourage small business expansion and to establish a labor and social Affairs department to monitor the employment situation.

The ILO last year provided $250,000 in seed money to chambers of commerce throughout the territories to examine business development and to provide for a statistics clearing-house of employment data, Dajani said. In February, the organization also contributed $900,000 for this fiscal year as seed money for those projects, he added.

The organization sees a need for "reinforcing chambers of commerce and industry in order to enable them to develop small business enterprises," he said.

Kahalani would quit Labor over Jordan Valley

HERB KEINON

LABOR Party MK Avigdor Kahalani told some 100 Jordan Valley residents demonstrating near the Knesset yesterday that he will leave the party if the government decides to withdraw from the Jordan Valley.

"If Labor will say it is leaving the Jordan Valley, I don't want to be a part of it," Kahalani said.

"I came here to identify with you with all my heart," Kahalani told the demonstrators. "We don't need Nablus or Jenin, but the Jordan Valley is essential to our existence."

Kahalani, who said he will fight within the party for the interests of the Jordan Valley settlements, said "You have a number of good, quiet soldiers inside the party."

Kahalani, closely linked with the so-called "Golan caucus" in the Knesset, also said he will leave the party if the government does not make good on promises to hold a referendum on withdrawal from the Golan Heights, after an agreement with Syria is initialed.

Carrying signs reading "Rabin, make no mistake, we will fight for our land," the Jordan Valley demonstrators demanded that Rabin agree only to a limited area for Jericho at his meeting tonight with Arafat, and to ensure that Palestinian policemen are not allowed access from Jericho to any other area in the Jordan Valley.

In a related development, a spokesman for the Shalom al Yisrael yeshiva in Jericho said the yeshiva has been told that when the IDF pulls out of Jericho, soldiers will be withdrawn from the yeshiva, located at the site of an ancient synagogue in the north of the city.

The spokesman said the yeshiva does not plan on closing and would fight so the army does not "abandon" the site. Another source connected to the yeshiva said it was mobilizing supporters to come to the site tonight with sleeping bags, prayer shawls and tefillin, for a protest action. He did not elaborate.

The IDF Spokesman said that the same security arrangements being made for all Israelis in the Palestinian autonomous regions would cover the yeshiva students as well.

Court to allow Kach detainees to reappeal

EVELYN GORDON

SIX Kach activists should be allowed to submit new appeals against their administrative detention, the High Court of Justice ruled yesterday.

The decision came in response to a petition by detainees Ayal Noked, Baruch Marzel, Noam Federman, Michael Ben-Horin, Baruch Ben-Yosef and Shmuel Ben-Ya'acov, who demanded that their three-month terms be reduced to two months, as was done in Shmuel Ben-Yishai's case. Ben-Yishai's term was reduced with the state's consent after he petitioned the High Court against his detention.

The court said the detainees could claim discrimination in their new appeals, based on the sentence reduction given to former detainee Ben-Yishai.

Attorney Shai Nitzan, representing the government, argued that a general reduction was unjustified, since in each case, military or civilian judges had examined the relevant material and agreed that the detainee's potential danger to the state made a three-month detention necessary.

Thousands of Arabs are in administrative detention, he noted, but no one thinks that because one is released, all of the others should be set free.

However, Justices Aharon Barak, Mishael Cheshin and Zvi Tal declined to accept this argument.

"There's a difference between your example and this case," Cheshin said, noting that the six Kach activists had not been arrested individually, but as a group, in response to the Hebron massacre.

Both Nitzan and the petitioners' attorney, Sean Casper, objected to the court's suggestion that each man reopen his appeal, raising the claim of discrimination. Casper said it was unreasonable to make him file and appear in eight different appeals, in eight different locations, all within the next few days (two detainees in addition to the six who filed the petition had asked him to handle their case as well, he explained).

However, the justices overrode both sides' objections, and ordered that the petitioners be given this opportunity, rather than having the High Court decide on the issue.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The President of the French Senate, Monsieur Rene Monory, yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science, where he was received by Prof. Michael Sela, Deputy Chairman of the Institute's Board of Governors and a former President of the Institute, and by Prof. David Mirelman, Vice-President for Technology Transfer at the Institute.

He visited the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research, as well as the Hermann and Dan Mayer Building for Submicron Semiconductor Science.

Central Command bans live fire against Palestinian rioters

ALON PINKAS

THE use of live fire against Palestinian rioters has been all but forbidden on the eve of the signing of the Gaza and Jericho implementation agreement, under new guidelines issued by the Central Command.

In a circular distributed to all IDF commanders in Judea and Samaria, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, explained that "a new era and a new approach begins."

The new guidelines provide that live fire can be used only in the event of "a real life-threatening situation."

"[These guidelines] apply especially to situations wherein IDF soldiers are present when riots and stonethrowings take place. The idea is to disengage, rather than allow clashes that eventually cost lives," a Central Command source said yesterday.

Biran also urges army commanders and area governors to "increase coordination and cooperation with both Palestinian and Jewish leaders in Judea and Samaria to prevent unnecessary friction and incidents resulting from miscommunication."

Council for Beautiful Israel gives awards

The Council for A Beautiful Israel, in the presence of President Ezer Weizman, yesterday presented awards to individuals and groups for their special contributions to improving the environment at Beit Hanassi.

The winners were: The late Paula Mozes, a member of the council's executive; Maury Bernard Koffler, for promoting science education; Gavriel Sherover House in Tzemah, for landscape development and design; the Circassian village of Kafr Kama, for beautification of the village; Prof. Eliora Ron and Prof. Eugene Rosenberg, for developing ecology-related technologies; and the Beit Guvrin Caves.

Court asked to stop release of Palestinian prisoners

EVELYN GORDON

THE government should not be allowed to release some 5,000 Palestinian prisoners as part of the upcoming agreement with the PLO, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded yesterday.

The petition was filed by B'Tsedek, which describes itself as a human rights organization; head of the Gaza Coast regional council Zvi Hendel; and Rabbi Ya'acov Meidan of Yeshivat Har Etzion in Alon Shvut.

They argue that no prisoners should be released unless they sign a commitment to refrain from further acts of terror; unless the PLO renounces terror in all parts of Israel, rather than just in the parts it will soon take over; and unless the clause in the Palestinian covenant stating that "the armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine" is formally revoked. In addition, the petition says, the PLO should promise both that the released prisoners will not take part in the new Palestinian police force, where they would be given weapons, and that it will pardon all suspected "collaborators" with Israel.

Although the petitioners object to the release of any prisoners who have not yet completed their terms, they particularly attack the government's decision to release prisoners from Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the PFLP and the DFLP – all groups which have rejected the agreement – and prisoners convicted of attempted murder.

This is even contrary to the government's own principles, as expressed in the state's response to another High Court petition last October, the petition notes. In that response, the state said it opposed the release of members of Hamas or the Islamic Jihad, or any prisoners convicted of committing "bodily harm."

The petition, based on a report by the independent monitoring group Peace Watch, argues that the proposed prisoner release is a security danger, since other prisoners set free since the Declaration of Principles was signed on September 13 have gone back to committing terrorist acts.

"Wholesale pardon for terrorists whose sole aim is to kill Jews represents a grave public danger," it states.

Furthermore, the recent PLO-Hamas cooperation agreement and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak's statement that the two organizations have the same long-term goals with respect to Israel makes it clear that the PLO has not renounced terrorism, the petition charges.

Finally, it argues, the right to pardon is granted exclusively to the president within Israel and the army in the territories – not to the cabinet, by virtue of signing an agreement.

The petitioners also requested an interim injunction against the release, which is scheduled to begin 24 hours after the expected signing tomorrow, until the court has made a final decision on the petition.

Alleged wiretappers released – for now

Private investigators Ya'acov Tsur and Rafi Friedan, suspected of tapping phones, faxes and cellular phones of hundreds of newspaper employees, politicians and security officials, were placed under house arrest yesterday after a Tel Aviv District Court judge dismissed a prosecution appeal to keep the pair in custody.

A hearing on whether the pair should be returned to custody and remanded until trial will be held tomorrow.

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Immigration down 22% in first quarter compared to end of 1993

JOSE ROSENFELD

IMMIGRATION fell 22 percent in the first quarter of the year compared to the previous quarter, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

During the first three months of the year, 16,400 immigrants arrived, compared to 20,900 immigrants in the previous quarter. Immigration from the former Soviet Union dropped significantly, from 18,400 in the last quarter of 1993, to 14,000 in the first quarter, a 24% decrease.

There was a slight drop in the number of immigrants from the rest of the world, the bureau reported. There were 850 immigrants from Europe, excluding the former Soviet Union; 400 from Asia; 500 from Africa, half of them from Ethiopia; and 700 immigrants from North America, Australia and New Zealand.

These immigrants, as a whole, continued to be less educated than previous groups of immigrants and tended to be concentrated in lower-skilled professions. Only 42.9% of the immigrants had 13 years or more of education in the first quarter, compared to 45.1% during the same period last year and 48% in 1992. Immigrants who held scientific or academic positions in their countries of origin totaled 25.1% in the first quarter, compared to 28.8% during the same period last year and 32% in 1992.



These girls are preparing for an acrobatics show which will open the European Ten Pin Bowling Championships, which begin in Netanya this week. Some 90 participants from 15 countries are taking part in the event.

More public housing needed

The government must build public housing in the center of the country, Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban said yesterday.

He said that 30,000 people eligible for public housing arrived from the CIS in the large aliya wave.

Knesset panel protests Shohat's granting NIS 180m. loan to Clalit without consent

EVELYN GORDON

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat said yesterday he was "sorry" he did not inform the Knesset finance committee of his decision to grant the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit a NIS 180 million loan.

The arrangement, approved in February, allows Clalit to forego payments to government hospitals of up to NIS 30m. a month, for each of the first six months of the year. Opposition MKs have raised a storm over the issue, charging it is illegal to grant such a loan without the finance committee's consent.

Shohat said the loan was necessary to aid the fund, whose deficit this year is expected to exceed NIS 1 billion.

Yesterday, Shohat defended himself to the committee.

"I made a proper and legal decision, out of real and honest considerations," he said. "There was no possibility of reaching an overall arrangement regarding Kupat Holim three months before the Histadrut elections, and during the height of the debate over the national health bill."

Shohat said that after the elections, he would decide whether the loan should be written off as part of a general recovery program, or whether it should be recovered by withholding parallel tax payments due the fund from the government. In either case, the decision would not create an additional budget deficit, and therefore did not need the committee's consent, he said.

However, he added, "I am sorry I did not advise the committee [of the arrangement]. In retrospect, I should have done this."

Committee members agreed that Shohat had not acted properly.

"It was a mistake," said committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor), who worried that if the national health bill does not pass, Kupat Holim will be unable to repay the loan. "It would have been better for him to have made a budgetary request [to the committee]. But even the finance minister is flesh and blood, and he's allowed to make mistakes."

Gal added that help should also have been extended to the Likud-affiliated Kupat Holim Leumit, which is in financial difficulties as well.

Opposition MKs were less kind.

"This transfer is a definite violation of the Kupat Holim recovery agreement, and also appears to be against the law," said Silvan Shalom (Likud), whose request to have the matter investigated by the state comptroller will be discussed by the state control committee this morning.

"It's inconceivable to defer payment of NIS 180m. [without the committee's consent]," added Haim Kaufman (Likud).

Kaufman said he plans to petition the High Court of Justice against the loan.

Social workers: We won't return to work until wage contract signed

SASHA SADAN

POLICE dispersed some of the 1,500 social workers who demonstrated outside the Tel Aviv Cinematheque yesterday, detaining three. Protests in Jerusalem and Beersheba passed quietly.

A group of the Tel Aviv demonstrators who had blocked the street at the corner of Ibn Givrol and Carlebach were forcibly removed by police. Only one of the three social workers was taken to a police station, but he was later released.

The 9,000 members of the Association of Social Workers, whose strike enters its second week tomorrow, plan to continue their protests.

Union head Eli Ben-Gera said yesterday that the government has proved that "it speaks only to those who use violence."

The social workers walked out over a wage contract initialed a year ago. The wage hike promised in the contract was not detailed and negotiations over what was indeed promised have dragged on for a year.

Social workers are among the lowest paid workers in the public sector. Some 75 percent of those employed by local authorities work in the four lowest grades in their wage scale. A social worker working 39 hours a week in the field and 45 "on paper" begins at a gross wage of NIS 1,870 a month. The average gross salary of a social worker is NIS 2,426. The average monthly wage paid last December, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, was NIS 3,730.

Treasury wage director Shalom Granit has not moved so far from his stand that he will not negotiate the wage contract as long as the strike is on. Ben-Gera has said the strike will go on until the wage contract is signed, sealed and delivered.

Treasury to fund special court for 'aguna' cases

SASHA SADAN

LATER this month, the Treasury will provide money for a special rabbinical court to deal with *agunot* and women refused a *get* (bill of divorce), MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz) said last night at the opening of a two-day conference of ICAR, the International Coalition of for Agunot.

Chazan discussed legislation passed this year for women locked in the marital state, and the "consistent" help the Knesset status of women committee has had from both the Chief Rabbinate and the Ministry of Religious Affairs. But she opened and closed her remarks with the same statement: "There will be no solution for *agunot* and women refused a *get* until there is a separation of church and state."

The major legal change this year for such women, and the estimates of their number here range from 8,000-16,000, is that they can now claim the same legal rights as the heads of single-parents families.

Chazan said that a debate has sprung up among rabbinical court judges over the desirability of moving some divorce cases to civil courts since the High Court's "Bavli" decision last February, in which the rabbinical courts were told to follow civil law in property settlement in divorce cases. Chazan said that judges in the religious courts think that the consequences of the decision is a lessening of the status of their courts.

The ICAR conference continues today at the Paradise Hotel in Jerusalem with strategy discussions on policy for the coming year.

Court asked to halt 'illegal' allocations to haredim

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice was petitioned yesterday to stop "illegal" allocations to haredi institutions by the Jerusalem Municipality.

According to the petition, filed by Jerusalem city councilman Orna Yekutieli (Meretz), the city's allocations committee approved allocations to five haredi institutions on April 27, three days before the deadline for submitting applications had expired. This was done despite rulings by both the city's legal adviser and its comptroller that the meeting should not be held until after the deadline, Yekutieli said.

Furthermore, he charged, the allocations – totaling hundreds of thousands of shekels – were made with no clear criteria, and without committee members being given the information regarding the organizations' goals and budgets, as mandated by city rules and needed for an intelligent decision.

The explanation of some committee members – that the hurried meeting was necessary to prevent the financial collapse of some of the applicants – does not hold water, the petition added, since it is doubtful that a mere three days' delay would have made much difference. Furthermore, many of the grants approved were for easily deferrable purposes, such as renovations.

"With the end of the meeting, it became clear that the funding requests of most of the secular cultural institutions in Jerusalem, except the Israel Museum and the Israel Festival, weren't even discussed, even though they were at the top of the agenda, while the requests of haredi educational institutions, which were at the bottom of the agenda, were discussed and approved in full," the petition charged.

Yekutieli also objected to grants of NIS 90,000 to two other haredi institutions by the city's finance committee, which, he said, is not authorized to make such allocations. The excuse used – that they were for "joint activities" by the city and the organization – is clearly false, the petition charged, since the requests were for activities, such as the distribution of matzot for Pessah, which had already taken place, without the city's participation.

However, Yekutieli added, even a real "joint activity" still constitutes support for an organization, and should therefore go through the allocations committee.

Yekutieli also requested an interim injunction to prevent the city from distributing the money until the court issues a final ruling on his petition. This is necessary, he said, because the city council is meeting Thursday to approve the allocations, and checks are usually made out immediately afterward.

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NATO warplane buzzes weapons depot

SARAJEVO (AP) – A NATO warplane yesterday buzzed a weapons depot near here and chased away Bosnian Serbs trying to retrieve their heavy weapons.

UN spokesman Cmdr. Eric Chaperon said 10 to 15 Serbs approached the arms collection point guarded by French peacekeepers Sunday night, demanding to take a 122mm artillery piece.

A four-hour standoff ended peacefully around midnight when the plane requested by peacekeepers buzzed the depot.

"It was a test," said Maj. Guy Vinet, spokesman for UN troops who patrol Sarajevo. "After the incident, we thought that it was not very serious, but during the incident, yes, it was serious."

UN troops have had the heavy armaments under guard at several points around Sarajevo since the Serbs complied with a NATO ultimatum in February to remove weapons within 20 km of the Bosnian capital or turn them over to UN troops.

Vinet said there were about 30 pieces of weaponry at the collection point, guarded by 20-25 French soldiers.

In the Moslem enclave of Gorazde, Serbs and Bosnian government forces clashed near the boundary of a similar 3-km zone, from which the Serbs are supposed to have withdrawn. UN officials said yesterday.

No other details of the fighting were immediately available.

The United Nations said Sunday that too many Serb militiamen remained inside Gorazde's exclusion zone a week after NATO's ultimatum to remove them.

"Troops on the ground ... consider that there are too many militia, Serb militia, in the area," Chaperon said, adding talks were under way to remove them.

Members of the Serb militia or police are not specifically mentioned in the Western military alliance's ultimatum. But UN officials expressed concern at their presence, and there have been reports that Serb soldiers returned to the zone outfitted with police uniforms and weapons.

Chaperon estimated that about 100 Serb policemen remained in the area yesterday.

A landmine blast has claimed the lives of two journalists working for US publications, officials said yesterday.

A third journalist was wounded when their car ran over the mine near Mostar in southwest Bosnia-Herzegovina, a UN official said.

Maj. Antonio Albariz, a spokesman for Spanish UN troops in nearby Medjugorje, identified the dead as Brian Brinton, accredited to *Magnolia News*, a weekly newspaper in Seattle, and Francis William Tomasic, accredited to *Spin* magazine.

William T. Vollmann, a novelist who is a senior contributing writer for Spin, was slightly injured by the blast and taken to a Spanish military hospital in the region, Albariz said.

Spin spokesman Jeff Raban in New York said Tomasic was Vollmann's photographer and interpreter.

Vollmann, 34, is known for putting himself at risk in pursuit of adventure stories for Spin, a music-oriented youth culture magazine.

Vollmann's assignment "was something he suggested – a human angle to the war-torn area," Rabhan said. "He has carte blanche."

A recent *New York Times* Sunday magazine profile of Vollmann said "his methods of mingling his own life with his work have led him to put himself at all sorts of serious risk," leading readers "to wonder whether he will survive to finish" a saga of the history of North America.



Miss Finland (Henna Merilainen) and Miss Israel (Ravit Yarkoni) pose with two T'boli women, a native tribe in Mindanao, during their visit to the southern Philippine city of Davao City, south of Manila. The two beauty queens will take part in the 1994 staging of the Miss Universe Pageant, with the coronation scheduled for May 21. (AP)

Cyclone smashes into Bangladesh

DHAKA (Reuter) – A cyclone slammed into Bangladesh yesterday evening and officials said it could result in heavy damage to property and loss of life.

Disaster control officials said they feared substantial damage as heavy rain and winds of up to 200 km per hour battered the islands of St Martin's and Sandwip in the Bay of Bengal, and the coastal areas of Teknaf and Cox's Bazar.

They said among the worst hit could be some 200,000 Burmese refugees in 19 camps in Teknaf and Cox's Bazar, which plunged into complete darkness after the storm disrupted power supplies.

Highways were blocked by fallen trees, a journalist in Cox's Bazar told Reuters.

Officials in the capital Dhaka said they had lost wireless contact with St Martin's and Sandwip island after the storm started hitting the coast between Teknaf and Burma.

They said areas along the coast and offshore islands could be inundated by a six-metre storm surge.

Alarmed by prospects of heavy losses of life and property, the government and several disaster management bodies put 30,000 rescue volunteers on emergency standby.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, presiding over an emergency cabinet meeting, also asked the army, navy and airforce to be on maximum alert to take on rescue and relief operations.

"This is certainly a giant storm and could be as colossal as the April 29 cyclone of 1991," Deputy Commissioner of Cox's Bazar, Enamul Kabir, told Reuters.

The 1991 storm, the worst in Bangladesh's history, killed more than 138,000 people as it struck the coast and islands with winds of 235 kph and whipped up six-metre-high waves. The government estimated property and crop damage at more than $3 billion.

The latest cyclone was spread across a 100-km front and was moving landward at 25 km per hour.

Officials said about 300,000 people had been shifted to safety while thousands more moved voluntarily, still haunted by the 1991 tragedy.

Kabir earlier said preparations had been taken to evacuate up to 600,000 people from the storm's course "but many more would still be left behind to face the brunt of the storm".

But he said the 1991 disaster had made the public more aware of their safety, "which may actually hold down the number of casualties".

Meteorology officials said they advised Chittagong port to hoist "great danger signal number 10", which is a warning of a severe disaster.

Cox's Bazar has also been asked to fly a number 10 signal while the Mongla port will hoist a number eight signal.

Berlusconi starts government talks amid controversy

ROME (Reuter) – Media magnate Silvio Berlusconi began talks on Italy's new government yesterday with controversy over whether neo-fascists will join his cabinet and the possible arrest of one of his top business aides.

Berlusconi, appointed prime minister-designate last week, was meeting labour and business leaders in his first formal consultations on the government's programme.

Leaders of Italy's three big trades unions said Berlusconi had pledged to respect a landmark cost-of-labour accord struck last year by the outgoing government.

The agreement, which abolished automatic wage indexation in Italy, is widely credited with having ended a decades-old wages spiral and eased pressures on previously endemic inflation.

Berlusconi was "very satisified" with the union talks, his spokesman Antonio Tajani said.

The partners in Berlusconi's election-winning "Freedom Alliance" were to meet today and one of the politicians involved, Roberto Maroni of the federalist Northern League, said cabinet ministers should be known at the end of the day.

"The forces of the majority will meet tomorrow and a list of ministers will emerge from the summit," Maroni, the League's leader in the Chamber of Deputies (lower house), said.

"There are no great obstacles, just two or three questions that have still to be resolved," Maroni told reporters.

He said one outstanding issue was who should hold the powerful post of Interior Minister, to which the League has laid claim.

The League and the National Alliance joined an electoral pact with Berlusconi's Forza Italia party when the tycoon, owner of a $7 billion a year business empire, stepped into politics in late January.

Berlusconi brushed off concern about the presence in government of the National Alliance, formed by the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) whose policies were long inspired by the ideals of late dictator Benito Mussolini.

"There will be no (fascists in the government). It seems to me that it can be completely ruled out," Berlusconi said.

He was responding to remarks earlier yesterday by 1985 Nobel Economics laureate Franco Modigliani, who fled Italy under fascism in World War Two and is now a United States citizen.

"I can't hide the fact that there is great fear of fascists in power and I'm happy to have left Italy. I hope you won't have to repent for having stayed," Modigliani, 75, told an audience in Rome.

Berlusconi also shrugged off a tribunal's decision in Milan to back the possible arrest of one of the leading executives in his Fininvest business empire, Marcello dell'Utri.

The tribunal approved a request by investigating magistrates to arrest dell'Utri, head of Fininvest's Publitalia advertising company, and two business associates on suspicion of false accounting.

German Jews tell Kohl of racism worries

BONN (Reuter) – Jewish leaders told German Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday they were very worried about neo-Nazi and other right-wing violence in Germany and Europe.

Kohl met World Jewish Congress general secretary Israel Singer, Ignatz Bubis, head of Germany's Central Council of Jews and European Jewish Congress leader Jean Kahn as part of an ongoing round of talks on racist violence, the government said.

Up to 30 people have died in a wave of neo-Nazi attacks on foreigners, the disabled and other targets of Nazi ideology since unification in 1990.

"The Jewish organisations expressed their grave concern at rising racist and right-wing violence in Germany and in the whole of Europe," the government said.

"The chancellor told the delegation that the government and the federal states were doing all in their power to combat the violence."

Bonn has clamped down on the far-right by banning extremist groups.

Kohl said Germany would spearhead a push in the European Union for common measures against extremism and racism.

"The chancellor and the delegations agreed that any such initiative should focus on the education systems of the EU member states," the government said.

Two teenage girls accused of killing German

NEW ORLEANS (AP) – Two teen-age girls killed a German man after "befriending" him, luring him to a deserted park near the French Quarter and then trying to rob him, police said yesterday.

The 25-year-old German was killed early Sunday while trying to wrest a revolver away from the younger attacker, said a police spokesman.

Police identified the victim as a member of the German military.

Chanda Desilva, 18, was arrested and faced a charge of first-degree murder. A 16-year-old girl, whose name was not released because she is a juvenile, was arrested yesterday and faced the same charge. Police said the 16-year-old could be charged as an adult, increasing the penalty she might face if convicted.

The two teenagers apparently met the victim shortly before the holdup, the spokesman said. Police did not know where they met, but the three went to a deserted back corner of Armstrong Park, near the French Quarter, where the 16-year-old apparently pulled a gun, he said.

The murder was New Orleans' 152nd this year, but it was the first killing of a foreign visitor in a year.

Stolen Van Dyck painting found under bed in Rome

ROME (Reuter) - A painting by the 17th century Flemish master Van Dyck, which was stolen from a church in Sicily in 1981, has been found hidden under a bed in an apartment in Rome.

They said investigators stumbled across the work, a small study of a head worth an estimated 1.3 billion lire ($770,000), almost by chance when they searched the apartment in the course of other inquiries into receipt of stolen goods.

The apartment's owner, a bank worker who was not named, faces charges of handling stolen goods but was not detained, police said. They said experts had identified the painting as having been stolen from a church in Comiso, Sicily.

Harassment case delivers telling blow to male office ribaldry

'A woman can succeed if she does two things'

MARIAM ISA

LONDON

THE departure of three foreign exchange dealers from the US investment bank Goldman Sachs for alleged harassment of a secretary shocked London's conservative financial district and renewed the debate over sexism.

Goldman Sachs – known for its policy of non-sexist staff conduct – said the three men, each reported to earn up to a million pounds ($1.5 million) a year, resigned.

Heated newspaper reports quoted insiders as saying they were forced out after hounding a secretary for sex in response to her innocent request about how to seek promotion.

Until the story broke in late April, action to punish sexual harassment or discrimination in the high-flying square mile known as the 'City' – Britain's main financial centre – was virtually unknown.

Female traders are still rare and within the general ribaldry that has become the City's trademark, recruits must routinely shrug off remarks such as "get your tits out" or "get your knickers (panties) off" from male colleagues who have been drinking.

Men in packed dealing rooms gleefully scan soft porn magazines during coffee breaks and whistle like workers on a building site if an attractive woman walks by.

Many British women who have flourished in this tough environment believe the barriers are not insurmountable.

A woman must 'give as good as you get' to survive and the onus for change is on her shoulders, they say.

"When I started eight years ago I think the main reason I was employed was because I was a woman and not unattractive – I make no bones about that," said a woman who heads a foreign exchange desk at a big European bank in London.

The bank initially wanted an attractive woman on its corporate team to woo customers but as time went on it realised she was capable of far more and became more open about employing women, she said. Others agree.

"In the 1980s it was much more difficult – for a woman to get to the top she had to be a hell of a lot brighter than her average male counterpart," said Rhona O'Connell, a metals analyst at stockbrokers T. Hoare and Company.

"But in the 90s my feeling is that most men probably recognise a bright woman as being a potentially decent manager."

Most agree that aggression is important for both men and women in the frenetic, unforgiving world which became even more competitive after deregulation in 1986 transformed it from a more docile domain largely peopled by old boys from Britain's privileged public schools.

Women have infiltrated along with hard-nosed, more street-wise newcomers but are still concentrated in less stressful areas such as analysis or corporate relations.

On the dealing desks, frustrated traders pick on any weakness spotted in recruits. Women are often at a disadvantage because many are less prone to swear or explode in anger and take it personally when it happens to them, female traders say.

"You need to be a particular kind of person to survive in spot desk trading – you have to fight your own battles and come back with as good as you get if the dealers are being especially rude, crude or obnoxious," said the female exchange dealer.

Horror stories are plenty but the women who have stood the test believe that underneath the all too brusque exterior, they do have the respect of their male colleagues.

Sexual banter should be ignored or shrugged off and although the more democratic influence of American banks was welcomed, some women said the issue of what constitutes sexual harassment should not be taken as far it is in the United States.

"You learn to live with it. You have to be prepared to take a joke, if you put your nose in the air and stalk away you haven't a hope," said Bronwyn Curtis, head of economic and fixed income research at Deutsche Bank in London.

A female Asian analyst at a European bank said a big problem was the fact that British men expected very little of their women and the women expected even less of themselves.

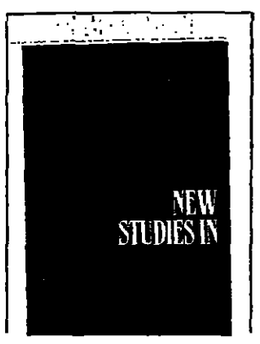
But with success now the bottom line it was easy for women to make their mark by pleasantly surprising male colleagues and they could turn their gender to their advantage, she said.

"If a woman wants to succeed she can succeed but she has to do two things," the analyst said.

"She must change her attitude and she must understand the attitudes of people around her – this will help her to speak to them in a way they are capable of understanding." (Reuter)

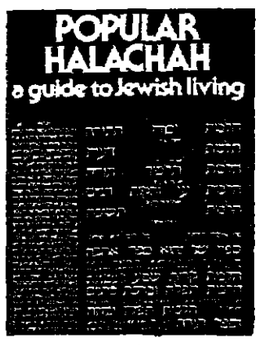
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'Dr. Death' innocent in assisted suicide

DETROIT (AP) – Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the nation's most prominent advocate of medically assisted suicide was found innocent yesterday in the death of a 30-year-old man last summer in the first trial under Michigan's year-old ban on assisted suicide.

The retired pathologist was accused of helping Thomas Hyde die by inhaling carbon monoxide. Kevorkian said he supplied the poison, tubing and mask and placed the mask on Hyde's face, but only in an effort to ease his suffering, not necessarily cause death.

Hyde was the 17th of 20 people who have died in Kevorkian's presence since 1990.

The Detroit Recorder's Court jury deliberated a little more than eight hours over three days before finding Kevorkian innocent. The law, enacted specifically in an effort to stop Kevorkian, carries a penalty of four years in prison and a $2,000 fine.

The Michigan Court of Appeals is considering several challenges to the law.

The jury was weighing technical legal questions as well as the emotionally charged argument over whether people should be allowed to help the terminally ill commit suicide.

Until closing arguments Thursday, defense attorney Geoffrey Fieger focused more on technicalities than on the moral argument for doctor-assisted suicide he had previously stressed.

He unleashed a surprise defense in opening statements by claiming for the first time that Hyde had actually died in Oakland County and therefore that the Wayne County court had no jurisdiction. Kevorkian surrendered with Hyde's body in Wayne County, which encompasses Detroit, and Kevorkian and Fieger had led authorities to believe that is where the death occurred.

Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley ordered that the trial take place in Detroit, regardless of where Hyde died.

Judge Thomas E. Jackson instructed jurors that they must be convinced that Hyde died in Wayne County if they were to convict Kevorkian.

Fieger also argued that in Hyde's death, Kevorkian was acting under a loophole in the state law that allows doctors to prescribe medication to ease suffering, even if the medication hastens death.

He used his closing argument to try to charge jurors' emotions.

"Isn't it a strange country that at the point when death is sure, that we as people become criminals when we want to end our suffering?" Fieger said. "Have we lost all sanity?"

One juror cried last week as Hyde's fiancee, Heidi Fernandez, described watching his health decline from Lou Gehrig's disease to the point at which he was in a wheelchair, barely able to speak and unable to feed himself.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Timothy Kenny told jurors they must put such emotions aside and consider the law, which he said Kevorkian broke.

"The morality of Thomas Hyde's choice to take his life is not on trial. The wisdom of the assisted suicide law itself is not on trial," Kenny said. "What is before you is whether or not Jack Kevorkian assisted Thomas Hyde in his suicide."

Bloodied machetes mark Rwandan frontier

RUSOMO (Reuter) – Piles of bloodied machetes and spears mark the Rwandan side of the bridge crossing into Tanzania.

The flood of people fleeing across the border in one of the biggest mass exoduses of refugees ever seen were forced to leave the weapons behind by the Tanzanian authorities.

Bloated bodies floating down the swollen Kagera river bear testimony to their use.

Most of those fleeing into Tanzania, where an estimated 250,000 frightened people have already arrived, are members of the Hutu tribe whose kinsmen are blamed for the slaughter of tens of thousands of Tutsis.

Now as the Tutsi-dominated rebel Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) sweeps away the remnants of the government army, they in turn fear death.

The road from Gahini, 60 kms east of the besieged capital Kigali, to this border village is strewn with belongings of people fleeing the rebel advance.

The RPF says three groups of people make up the exodus – those who were caught in crossfire, those who fled because they were members of government militia or armed forces, and those who believed in government propaganda saying they would be killed.

The rebels deny carrying out any massacres and aid workers say there is little evidence to the contrary.

"There is no evidence whatsoever the RPF has misbehaved. There can always be exceptions but it seems their troops are under strict orders," said one aid worker who asked not to be identified.

The RPF has denied allegations by UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) officials in Geneva that it had closed the Rwandan-Tanzanian border.

"We have not closed the border. People are free to move to and from," Major Jeffrey Byegeka, a senior RPF officer in the area, told Reuters.

UN aid workers say up to a quarter of a million people may have already streamed across the border and even more, perhaps another quarter of a million, could be on the way.

UNHCR Emergency Officer Maureen Connelly told journalists her organisation had been told that another 250,000 people could still trapped in southeastern Rwanda after the RPF took the border.

"The reason they fled is because the RPF came into the area where they were living. There were already 350,000 displaced people in that tip of Rwanda and, as the RPF moved in, their own people (Hutus) fled."

"We are hoping there's not going to be another 250,000 but given the number of displaced and the population of that area it could get to that," she said.

The road through the rebel-held area tells the story of one of the worst tribal bloodbaths for decades.

A child with no relatives left in the entire neighbourhood stands aimlessly in the road. Goats and cattle surround an abandoned one-year-old baby.

In Rusomo, a Swiss woman, tended a four-month old baby.

"The parents are unknown, probably dead," said Charlotte Sautau, aged 55.

She told how she had run an orphanage at Kibongo but fled after the army and the feared Hutu "Interhamwe" militia, blamed for the bulk of the killings, came and killed her 16-year-old Tutsi helper.

"They looted my house, they stole my car and they said they were looking for Tutsis," she said.

Latest esimates say as many as 200,000 people, mainly Tutsis, may have been killed in ethnic slaughter sparked by the killing on April 6 of Hutu President Juvenal Habyarimana in a rocket attack on his plane.



Women and children, among an estimated 250,000 Rwandan refugees who fled into northwest Tanzania, sleep and eat in an open field in the Kasuro refugee camp in the district of Ngara. International aid agencies are rushing to build the world's largest refugee camp at Kasuro before feared outbreaks of dysentery due to overcrowding and lack of latrines. (Reuter)

North Sea oil platform rocked by explosion

ABERDEEN (Reuter) – Explosions caused by a gas leak rocked a North Sea oil platform yesterday but there were no injuries and all non-essential personnel have been evacuated, police and the rig operators said.

"The situation has stabilized and the emergency is in the process of being downgraded," an Aberdeen police spokesman said.

He said 98 non-essential workers of the 180 rig personnel had been taken off the Flotta Piper Bravo platform, about 160 km northeast of Aberdeen, by helicopter and flown to a nearby rig, leaving about 80 still on board.

"There were no reported injuries," said a statement by rig operators Elf Enterprise Caledonian Ltd.

The statement said gas alarms were activated at around 1 p.m. but an Elf Enterprise spokesman said he did not yet know which part of the system the gas leaks had come from.

"There are reports of one or two minor explosions on the platform," the police spokesman said. He added that he believed the explosions had occurred on a flare stack, a gantry carrying the pipe which burns off excess gases on oil rigs.

A gas leak was blamed for the explosions on the Piper Alpha oil platform in July 1988, in which 167 people were killed. That rig was operated by American owners Occidental.

US black activist spreads racism by telephone

TORONTO (AP) – A controversial black US activist, denied entry into Canada by immigration officials, gave a scheduled speech by phone and blamed the Canadian government and Jews for his border troubles.

"What a shame for the government of Canada and Jews of Canada to apply pressure to the University of Toronto, the Ministry of Immigration, to stir up confusion and shut down this event today," Khalid Abdul Muhammad told 300 Toronto supporters via phone from an undisclosed location.

"My intent to being in Canada today was not to stir up controversy, nor to teach you to hate white people or Jews ... but to teach you to love your black selves," he told the crowd at a private club.

Muhammad gave a speech in November at Kean College in New Jersey in which he referred to Jews as "bloodsuckers" and called the head of the Catholic church that "old, no-good Pope."

At the time he was US spokesman for the Nation of Islam, but that organization's leader, Lewis Farrakhan, later removed him from the post.

Four German rightists arrested for burning synagogue

BONN (AP) – Four young right-wing extremists have been arrested for the firebombing of a synagogue in Luebeck, the Federal Prosecutor's Office said yesterday.

The March 25 attack in the northern port city marked the first time a Jewish house of worship had burned since the Nazi era.

The four suspects plotted the firebombing "out of hate against foreigners and against Jews" and are being investigated for attempted murder, the prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe said in a statement.

There are apartments in the two floors above the synagogue, and the tenants were asleep at the time of the attack. A neighbor heard breaking glass and alerted the tenants and firefighters.

The fire caused no injuries but charred two front rooms where the city's small Jewish community was planning to hold its first Passover Seder since the Holocaust.

Many Germans were shamed and enraged by the firebombing. Several thousand people marched against racial hatred and anti-Semitism in Luebeck and other cities.

According to the Karlsruhe prosecutors, the suspects plotted the attack a day before carrying it out.

After building several firebombs, the four met at the synagogue on Luebeck's St. Annen Street at about 2:15 a.m. on March 25, the prosecutor's office said.

One of the suspects poured a flammable liquid onto the synagogue's porch and then threw a firebomb, setting the building on fire, the office said.

The suspects, all from Luebeck, were identified as Niko T. and Boris H., both age 19; 21-year-old Dirk B.; and 24-year-old Stephan W. Their full last names were not given.

The Luebeck Nachrichten newspaper said the four met at the synagogue on Luebeck's St. Annen Street at about 2:15 a.m. on March 25, the prosecutor's office said.

The newspaper also said one of the suspects was arrested on April 28, and he informed on the three others during questioning by police.

Germany has been plagued by extreme-right violence since its unification in 1990.

Clinton in 'an uphill fight' to get assault weapons ban

WASHINGTON (AP) – Playing to a crime-weary public, the Clinton administration is stepping up pressure on Congress to ban assault weapons. "It's an uphill fight," the White House said yesterday.

President Clinton has promoted the ban for weeks, but the campaign shifted into high gear in recent days. The latest effort was a White House event featuring menacing-looking guns, tough-looking cops and testimonials about the evils of assault weapons.

The House of Representatives votes this week on legislation to stop production and sale of 19 specific assault guns and copycat models and limit detachable magazines to 10 rounds. The bill exempts 650 named rifles and shotguns.

Similar provisions were incorporated in the Senate version of the crime bill still being reconciled between the two houses.

Administration official say they are still at least 15 votes shy in the House.

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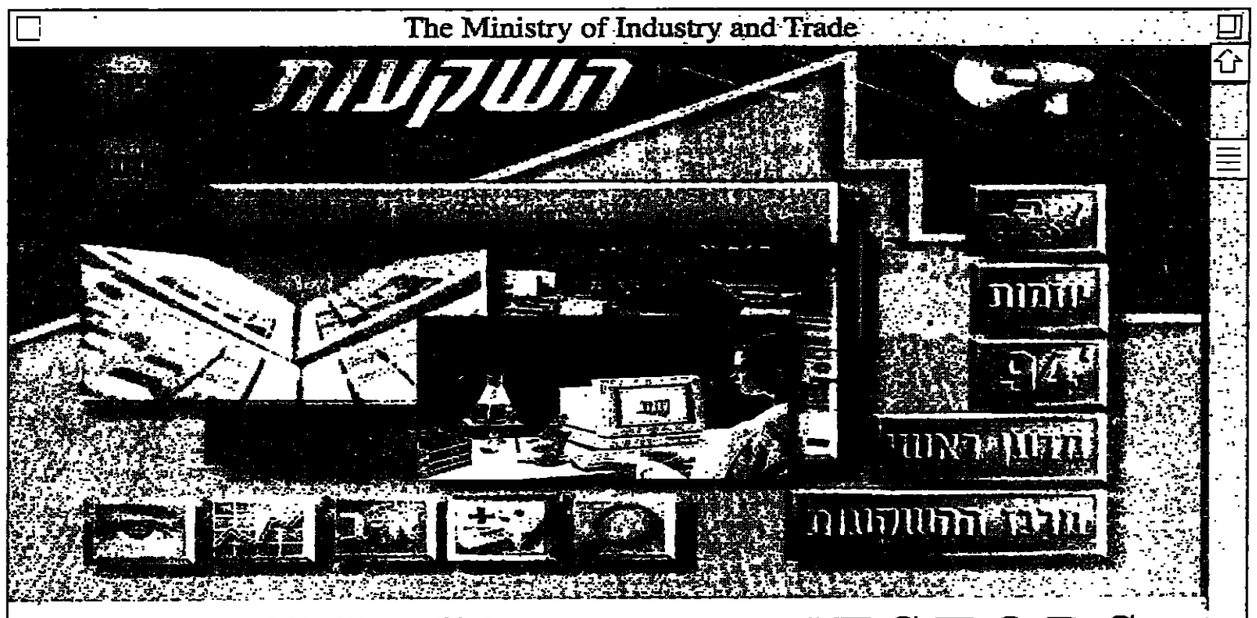
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Block	Part of Parcel	Plots	Total Plot Area	Purpose of Plots	Dev. Costs (NIS)* to Kir. Bialik for Infrastructure
6/kaf/bet	1	12-16,18 605,31,32 616,22-28 310-314	Approx. 75 dunams	665 housing units and a commercial structure	7,949,878

According to Urban Plan 364/bet mem/kuf the details of the area are:
1. Plots 22-28 are zoned as Residential Gimmel-1 for apartment houses in a density of 9.7 housing units per dunam on 3-4 floors (about 310 units).
2. Plots 31-32, 310-314, 605, 616 are zoned for Residential Gimmel-2, for apartment houses, in a density of up to 7.2 units per dunam, total of 175 housing units.
3. Plots 12-16, 18 are zoned for Residential Dalet, for apartment houses, in a density of up to 17.7 units per dunam, total of 200 housing units.
4. Plot 614 - zoned for commerce, building percentage 90 on one floor.
5. In addition to the sum for the cost of the land, the successful bidder will be required:
a. To pay infrastructure development costs as listed above, linked to the building index published on April 15, 1994.
b. To carry out all development works in the area as specified in Appendix Zayin of the tender documents.
6. The successful bidder will be required to provide bank guarantees, as follows:
a. A bank guarantee of NIS 10,000,000 (ten million shekels) for the Israel Lands Administration as security that the building schedule will be followed, i.e., the frames of 50% of the buildings in the plots be completed within 12 months of the day of winning the tender and the other 50% within 24 months of that date. The guarantee will be returned as soon as the conditions are fulfilled and will be forfeited if the conditions are not met.
b. A bank guarantee of NIS 2,500,000 (two million five hundred thousand shekels) to the Kiryat Bialik Municipality that the schedule for development works will be adhered to and the quality of the work will be as required in the tender documents.
c. A bank guarantee to the Kiryat Bialik Municipality to ensure payment of the second half of the costs of the infrastructure works, as detailed in the tender documents.
7. Construction companies eligible to submit bids must meet the following criteria:
a. The company must be listed in the Contractors' Register, in accordance with the Law of Contractors and Builder Engineering Works Law, in the highest building category.
b. The company, within the past three years, has completed the construction of at least 300 housing units and attaches authorizations to that effect to its bid.
8. Bids must be submitted by one company only.
9. The Israel Lands Administration reserves the right to accept any bid, or to reject all bids, including the highest.
10. The tender booklet will be available from May 11, 1994, on submission of a receipt from the Postal Bank for NIS500 cash (including VAT) for payment into Israel Lands Administration account 0-24180-0, per booklet. The booklets will be available at the Israel Lands Administration, Haifa Region, 13 Derech Ha'atzmaut, Haifa, ☎ (04) 355411, during regular working hours.
11. A bank check or guarantee for 10% of the bid total should be attached to bids.
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Rabin's transformation

THE most puzzling phenomenon in the debate about the agreement with the PLO is the complete transformation of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's political thinking. It would have been easier for Israelis to "give the agreement a chance" had Rabin remained what he was in pre-election days: a security-conscious leader who believed in territorial compromise, but contemptuously shunned the simplistic slogans of the "peace camp."

To hear Rabin yesterday tell his party comrades that what causes bloodshed in this country is Israeli "rule over another people" is to wonder if one's ears were playing tricks. This explanation is, of course, the age-old Arab claim which cannot withstand even superficial logical scrutiny.

Rabin, it must be assumed, did not mean Israeli rule over the 850,000 Israeli Arabs, who are just as surely "another people" as the residents of the territories, but the Israeli presence in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. But he must know that most of the bloodshed preceded 1967. Terrorism, at times far more deadly and disruptive than anything in recent years, was an inexorable part of life in this country, as Rabin himself has said, for the past 100 years. And the pre-1967 wars of annihilation against Israel, far more costly and dangerous than terrorism, could hardly be blamed on Israel's "rule over another nation."

Nor is Rabin's dismissal of the security value of "settlements" comprehensible. That civilian residences – whether in Tel Aviv or Elon Moreh – are of little strategic value is a given. But it is the Israeli presence in these places which makes military protection legitimate. To say, as Rabin has repeatedly done, that the Samaria settlements are useless because they do not protect Afula is to suggest that some Israeli lives are more valuable than others. Afula, after all, does not protect the settlements either.

Inadvertently, Rabin provided a rebuttal to his own argument. Trying to explain his willingness to abandon the Golan, he asserted that it is not the settlements there which protect the state, but Israeli tanks. Precisely. But if Israel's settlements are removed, the tanks will go, too.

The most incomprehensible argument is one which Rabin has consistently propounded ever since he became prime minister. Unless peace is achieved with Syria, he said again yesterday, a Damascus-Baghdad-Teheran axis may threaten Israel "in five to seven years." It is difficult to fathom how an experienced Israeli leader can believe that, if a Syrian dictator in the year 2000 decides that it is in his interest to form such an alliance, he would be deterred by a peace treaty with the Jewish state. It is an expectation similar to that which Israel seems to have of the PLO: that having signed an agreement with Israel it will fight against its Hamas brethren on Israel's behalf.

The one question Rabin did not answer at yesterday's Labor Party session was how the establishment of a Palestinian state can be avoided. His silence was an eloquent admission of the obvious: a Palestinian state (which Rabin said he "does not support") cannot indeed be avoided if the agreement with the PLO is implemented.

This means the outcome of the current process is a PLO-Hamas state on the 1949 lines and the relinquishment of the whole Golan. It is doubtful the Rabin of 1992 would have considered such a denouement acceptable.

So much for democracy

IT is only a year ago since this newspaper joined some others in praising "an event bordering on the miraculous" – a free, fair, multiparty election in an Arab state. Even more remarkable, the election was in Yemen, a three-year-old union of near-fundamentalist North Yemen and creakingly Marxist South Yemen. It seems the plaudits were somewhat premature.

Fighting there appears to have eased after Egypt's weekend mediation, but not before heavy clashes between rival northern and southern Yemeni factions killed and wounded hundreds. It was inevitable that some tensions would remain between the two halves of the country – a tradition-oriented North and quasi-socialist South. But many democratic states survive internal divisions, even make positive use of creative tension between their people.

In the Arab world, Yemen represented a brave new departure that deserved encouragement and, despite its support for Saddam Hussein in the Gulf War, it got it. Significantly, reports from ordinary people in both north and south Yemen this weekend show a general contempt for the faction leaders responsible for the fighting – Vice-President Ali Salem al-Baidh, a southerner who has fallen out with President Ali Abdullah Saleh in San'a. In Yemen, we have yet again another case of an Arab people with valid aspirations being sold down the drain by self-centered, power-hungry leaders who are ready to reach for the gun or the tank as an answer to each and every disagreement.

The socialist southerners claim the armored battle which erupted north of San'a last week between their Third Brigade and the northern First Brigade at Amran was the opening shot in a "plot" by San'a to drive out southern military forces which were deployed in the north under the 1990 merger.

The northern faction blames the fighting on separatist aims in the south and San'a accused the Socialist Party of "distorting facts and spreading poison through fabricated statements about the regrettable battles that have saddened all Yemenis." Northerners outnumber southerners three to one but deny they are seeking political and economic domination of all Yemen.

These are types of disagreement and conflicting perceptions common in many countries and, as long as they are kept within democratic frameworks – parliamentary debates, court rulings, and public discussion – they are part of the stuff of evolving nations. But not yet, apparently, of Arab nations.

As usual in such conflicts, brotherly Arab mediators have rushed in to paper over the public relations cracks of yet another embarrassing, if somewhat typical, Middle Eastern tryst with democracy. The mediators themselves are a somewhat sorry lot, albeit sincere in the case of Jordan and Egypt. Jordan is ruled by a king too timid to emerge from the shadows of secret diplomacy to take a solid stand on his near-complete treaty with Israel. Egypt is locked in a spiral of terrorism and repression as it tries to hold fundamentalist wolves at bay. And as for Syria – President Assad certainly has a way with conflict resolution as his own city of Hama, where thousands were massacred, and the packed political prisons in his country can testify.

After Yemen's new conflict, there must be an inevitable deja vu feeling that the Arab states are doomed to remain a collective political basket case for the foreseeable future. It's a sobering thought for a democratic Israel trying to tie similar, and worse, regimes to long-term peace deals.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RACISM

Sir, – If I were an Arab, I would be very upset by the low esteem in which I am held by the United Nations, the Security Council and the world at large.

This reaction was prompted by reading the list of atrocities committed by Arabs in Moshe Kohn's "On the sense of shame" (April 4). The world reaction after all Arab massacres seems to be: "What can one expect of Arabs?" Arabs have not been condemned by UN resolutions after their indiscriminate murder of children, civilians and people at worship; their synagogue bombings; their blowing-up of airplanes, etc.

No one expects Arabs to live up to the civilized standards of Western civilization. Ergo, no international resolutions after their atrocities.

SARA MIRSTER

Brooklyn, N.Y.

ENOUGH!

Sir, – Upon reading Shlomo Gazit's article "A silence that screams" (April 12), shivers ran up my back as I knew that this man once served as head of military intelligence. He draws conclusions where there is a paucity of facts, and when he finally comes to the correct conclusion, he doesn't know how to implement it.

Mr. Gazit begins his article by claiming "Arafat wasn't the one who put together last week's car bomb in Afula. He isn't behind the latest terror incidents." These are grave conclusions for an intelligence analyst. There has been nothing in Arafat's behavior which could lead one to reach such a conclusion. He has never ordered his people to halt terrorist acts.

Mr. Gazit concludes rightly that "Arafat's silence... is the trouble," i.e. his silence is not condemning the Afula massacre. As Mr. Gazit states, whether this silence is due to his approval and support of terrorist acts or to the fact that he isn't strong enough to stop the killing is not relevant. These are the arguments that the opponents of the DOP have been complaining about since the first terrorist attack after its signing, in each case dismissed by the government and Mr. Gazit. We now welcome Mr. Gazit into our camp. But once he arrived at this conclusion, Mr. Gazit insists on continuing our implementation of the DOP. Is Mr. Gazit waiting for the smoking gun in Arafat's hand before he shouts "enough"?

LEWIS ALSTER

Ra'anana.

WISHFUL THINKING

Sir, – Chairman Arafat must be laughing all the way to the "peace" negotiations.

No sooner does an opposition MK propose a halt to the negotiations until Arafat has lived up to even one of the many promises and commitments he made with such fanfare on the White House lawn in September, than a government spokesman/Labor MK cabinet minister (even Rabin himself) hastens to rationalize and explain why Arafat is unable to do so.

Has wishful thinking taken the place of a rational and realistic determination of our options?

And now, Prime Minister Rabin has transferred the same wishful thinking to the Golan. "Peace is more important than the settlements." Whose version of "peace"? Ours or Assad's?

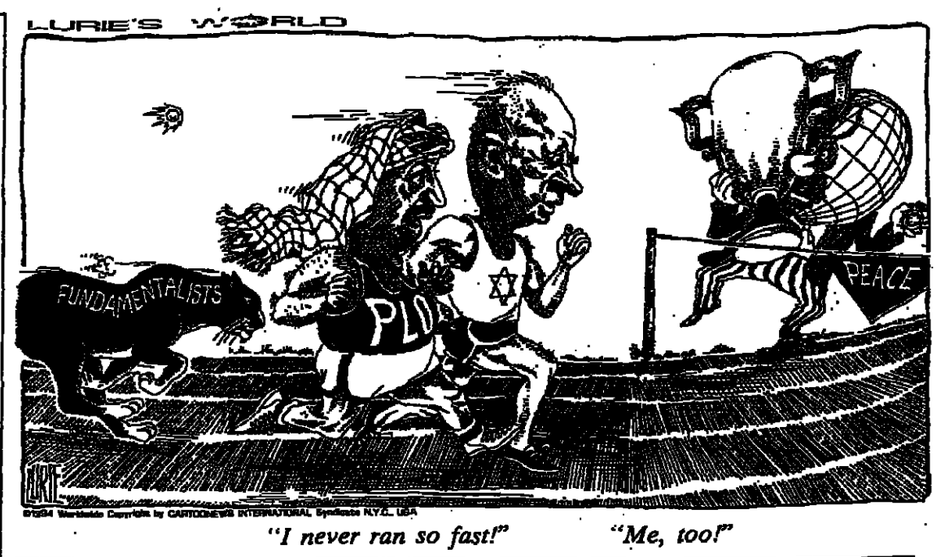
Jerusalem. *FAY DICKER*

SPORTS PAGE

Sir, – Your sports section in the Friday edition of April 22 was a very pleasant surprise – not any article in particular, but just the idea that there finally was a Friday sports page.

STEVEN ELYAKIN

Misgav-Am.



"I never ran so fast!" *"Me, too!"*

The missing motivation

ARIEL SHARON

IF you suddenly hear about Israeli envoys dashing off to America, Africa, Europe and Asia to try and persuade world leaders to supply information about missing IDF soldiers and PoWs, don't get excited.

And don't hold your breath if you read that senior and junior representatives are running around to the Vatican, the Kremlin and the Great Wall of China, to Arafat's murder-agents, and to Assad, that "enlightened" leader, to try possibly to track down the missing half of missing soldier Zacharia Baumel's dog tag.

You ought to know that it's all a smokescreen. Deported Palestinians are going to be returned, wanted men allowed back into the country, many thousands of terrorists released – without any compensation. This sort of dashing about is a permanent ritual. It happens before each large wave of terrorist releases.

The government gives bereaved parents and an anxious public some reason to hope, so that it can implement the terrorist releases without hindrance.

True, this is a complex problem, difficult to bear. The work, carried out quietly, far from prying eyes, is frustrating. The government has been making a great effort lasting years to locate our MIAs and PoWs. But all in vain. Our concerned hearts meet only hearts of stone.

But is this the only way? Have we really done everything we can?

There was a time when we knew how to get our kidnapped and captured soldiers returned. We took prisoners from the enemy by raids and ambushes along the border, then exchanged them for our men. The method was effective. A "bank" of prisoners was what Moshe Dayan said we needed. Never knowing what would happen, we used our imagination, attacked outposts and "collected" prisoner for prisoner.

An outstanding example occurred in June 1972. Three of our Air Force pilots had been shot down over Syria in 1970 and held hostage. In return, a planned operation resulted in the capture at the border of a Syrian brigadier-general, two colonels and two air force lieutenant-colonels. An exchange of prisoners was subsequently arranged.

DECADES HAVE gone by, and

If Arafat wanted to help us return our missing men, he could. All we need to do is demand it

I still feel the nationwide earthquake that occurred every time an Israeli soldier was taken prisoner. We didn't rest for a moment.

True, we paid a high price for the principle of not abandoning a soldier in enemy hands. Sometimes, our casualties were greater than the number of PoWs we liberated. But we brought them home.

The Canadian Gen. E. M. Burns, head of the UN Observer corps in the 1950s, wrote that he couldn't understand an entire nation "going crazy" because of one wounded sergeant taken prisoner. Perhaps he did not understand. We understood all too well.

There was a time when the Arabs knew they would pay a heavy price for holding on to Israeli prisoners. Today, they know they will get a higher price for *not* returning them. Then, they knew that an Israeli soldier held hostage meant their being severely and continuously hit by our forces at a rising cost to them. It was too costly, not worth their while, to hold PoWs.

Today's situation is the reverse. The Arabs know that the longer they hold Israeli soldiers, even their corpses, the higher the price they can extort from Israel. Today, it isn't worthwhile returning them.

So when people say the government is to blame, they are right. The government, by way of excuse, responds: "Likud governments also didn't do everything possible." That's true.

But, first, this isn't a political party issue; and secondly, I do not remember a single instance in which we returned enemy prisoners without getting even a partial exchange – whether it was soldiers who were still alive, or their corpses, or even authentic information on their fate.

The government wouldn't even have to seize prisoners from the other side. It holds thousands of terrorists in our jails, and there are hundreds of deportees in the process of returning. The government is not even doing the minimum possible: to go on holding those terrorists as ransom for our soldiers or their bodies.

The government is not even taking advantage of the terrorists it is holding to acquire information about our prisoners.

The "Tunis advocates" in our midst contend: "Arafat does not know; he is having difficulty getting information." But it's easier for Arafat to get information than it is for us.

If Arafat wanted to, he could get us the necessary information, as well as the missing men. When he wanted to, he gave us half a dog tag.

We simply need to demand it. Meanwhile, we should delay the release of prisoners.

This is the last chance.

The writer, a Likud MK, is a former defense minister.

A step back from the brink

BEN DANSKER

IT doesn't take a military expert to know that there will be no peace treaty with Syria and no full normalization of relations without a full withdrawal from the Golan and an uprooting of all Jewish settlements.

The prime minister is either deluding himself or the public – or both – when he seems to claim otherwise.

If the result were a true, warm peace such as that which obtains between the US and Canada, a stable, "New Middle East" in which Israel's place and role were secure, many people would approve of Israel's withdrawing from all of the Golan. They would willingly, if reluctantly, undergo the trauma of moving 15,000 Jewish residents to the nearby Galilee, the more distant Negev, or wherever they chose.

The Middle East is not stable, and not terribly "new." And while Syrian leader Hafez Assad's longevity may be remarkable, it isn't reason enough to remove the best deterrence Israel has against a Syrian attack: our tanks practically on the outskirts of Damascus.

The reason Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin continues to speak of compromise and withdrawal *on* the Golan and not *from* the Golan, is that he is hardly more able to confront the Israeli public with a full withdrawal in return for a peace treaty than Assad is ready to confront his public with a peace treaty for anything less.

Perhaps, in spite of US pressure to reach a "comprehensive settlement," both leaders would do well to step back from the brink – represented, at least for now, by a chasm neither can bridge.

Perhaps they need to admit that this may not be the time for normalization. Years, even decades, may need to pass before trains ply the route between Haifa and Damascus, before we can drive to our summer vacations in Turkey, before Israel can give up sovereignty on the Golan.

This isn't to say that war, or even enmity, need be the alternative. Our relations with Jordan over the decades have shown that not only can two formal enemies live side by side and never fire a shot, but that trade and other ties can develop and, slowly, normalization begin to creep in.

The dozens of unihabited square kilometers that Israel is considering ceding to Jordan in the Arava raise little public concern in Israel.

WHAT THE two leaders need –

Rabin and Assad can take more than one route to normalization

either directly or through intermediaries – is to agree to step back from the front lines of the peace process.

Most analysts report that the Golan does not top Syria's agenda, that Assad's health, Lebanon, succession and Turkey are more important.

Once Assad understands that Israel is not willing to give up the Golan just yet, and Rabin understands that Assad is unwilling to settle for less, the two leaders will have all the incentive in the world to develop an alternative common agenda, one which may eventually lead to normalization.

For example, in return for a real truce in Lebanon, Israel could promise to withdraw its forces in South Lebanon. Similarly, both sides could agree to a thinning of forces along the current Golan border.

Syria could allow easier movement of goods and people across the border, and Israel could allow certain symbols of Syrian sovereignty to be displayed on the Golan.

In return for allowing limited trade, Israel might even agree to refrain from establishing new settlements, although it should not agree to limit the growth of existing ones.

The objective of all this would be to allow the peace process to move from a situation in which no solution is likely to be found in the short run to one in which normalization develops slowly and partially over time. Hopefully, a point would be reached at which our relations with Syria, if not like those between the US and Canada, were at least like those which have characterized our relationship with Jordan.

When years, maybe decades, have passed, when the issues related to Palestinian autonomy have been resolved, when an informal peace has been in effect – then the final steps for full normalization can be taken.

If, by then, Syria is ready to play "Hatikva" in the main square of its capital, if the train runs between Haifa and Damascus and Jewish settlers with Israeli citizenship can stay in their homes; perhaps, then, long after Rabin and Assad have left the stage to others, we can allow what by then would be a mere formality, hardly more than the exchange of flags: the transfer of sovereignty over the Golan to Syria.

Perhaps by then there will be a "New Middle East", and such symbols will have become unnecessary.

The writer is a Jerusalem-based economist.

Dead end

MIRIAM and YONA BAUMEL

THE 12 years we have spent searching for information about our son, Zacharia, and the MIAs who were captured with him have been, as any parent can imagine, an endless period filled with heartache and frustration.

Yet it has been punctuated by reasons for hope: an encouraging lead, a new source, a piece of verifiable information – and, finally, the prospect of using our boys as a bargaining chip in the peace negotiations.

But today, we feel we have reached a dead end. We are filled only with despair.

Tomorrow, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is to sign a document promising the release of many thousands of Palestinian prisoners – without requiring in return even a shred of information about the whereabouts and well-being of Israel's missing soldiers.

An IDF which doesn't stand up for what it believes is the greatest threat to any peace process

Tomorrow, despite our anguished pleas to the prime minister and the Knesset, despite the efforts of thousands of students the world over and the overwhelming outpouring of support we have received during our ongoing hunger strike, any hope for the future of our sons will have been negotiated away.

THROUGHOUT THE past two weeks of our hunger strike, we have demanded that no Palestinian prisoners be freed until PLO chairman Yasser Arafat provides verifiable information about the fate of our sons.

A recent Gallup found that over 85 percent of the Israeli public concurred with this demand. Yet the simplest explanation of how Arafat obtained our son Zacharia's dog tag has been withheld.

Tragically, the present government is determined to go forward with its peace plan, no matter what. With its actions, it has clearly declared that Israeli soldiers are expendable.

How can any general who led his soldiers into battle, promising never to leave a soldier on the battlefield, take pride in an agreement that abandons innocent young men who followed orders and fought to defend their country?

This is more than a betrayal of trust. It weakens Israel's first line of defense.

The IDF's international reputation is well deserved. But an IDF which ignores its heritage and abandons its principles is impotent. And an impotent IDF is the greatest threat to any peace process and to the future of the State of Israel.

Therefore, once again we call upon the government, Defense Ministry and army to show the necessary backbone and stand up for what is rightfully theirs. To do any less is unthinkable.

In the name of all parents who care about their children and all citizens who care about Israel's honor in battle and responsibility to its soldiers, we urge the public to keep this issue alive. Lend your strong voices to our weakened ones.

No one seeks peace more than we do. But peace at any price is no victory for our country or its leaders.

The writers are the parents of Zacharia Baumel, captured in 1982 during the battle of Sultan Yakoub.

POSTSCRIPTS

AN 80-YEAR-OLD British widow confronted three masked raiders in her home and talked them into handing back the money and valuables they intended stealing.

Lilian Cole described the raiders as "sweeties" after she had got them to see the error of their ways.

"They are wonderful for what they did and I love them," she said.

"At first I was terrified because they had masks over their faces and were quite big," she said. "I told them I was poor too and that I sympathized with them.

"I told them I have to sit with hot water bottles at night to keep the heating bills down. It seemed to get through because one of them said 'You can have this' and gave me back my money."

Cole, who lives in Lyme Regis in southwestern England, said the raiders left without taking anything.

"The police said they had never heard anything like it," she said.

POLITICS BEING what they are, there may be a place for a transsexual insane murderer who is a former prostitute and death row inmate.

Leslie Elaine Perez, a finalist to head the Democratic party in Houston, says she hopes her past will not affect her political future.

She was the top vote-getter in an election to lead the Harris County Democratic Party, and faced a run-off election after failing to get 50 percent of the vote.

Perez, 56, formerly Leslie Douglas Ashley, was convicted in 1961 of shooting a man while working as a male transvestite prostitute.

Her death sentence was overturned only on a technicality; prosecutors hid details supporting an insanity plea.

Pale Pink Floyd; black attitudes

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

PINK Floyd's recent release *The Division Bell* (NMC) sounds very familiar, probably because it sounds so much like the other 140 million albums the group has sold in its 30-year career.

Though they may be imitating themselves, the Floyd still do it better than anyone else. And the album makes for pleasant listening, with its spiraling echoing harmonies, it's haunting guitar riffs and its vocal choruses.

However, the musicians who make up the band's current lineup are short on something to say. Their sound is still as eerie as it was back in 1969 when the BBC invited them to improvise a soundtrack to NASA's shots of the moon landing.

But you are not likely to link their current lyrics to images of anything more awe-inspiring than a bunch of aging yuppies still hurt and baffled by their inability to get along with each other.

Much of this album's content seems to be about the group's divorce from former leading light and notorious egomaniac Roger Waters. It must be sad when a creative partnership that brought the world gems like "Money" and "Shine On You Crazy Diamond" dissolves in a wrangle of legal threats. But surely there are other events in their current lives worth commemorating.

Unfortunately the band's current line up of David Gilmour, Nick Mason, Rick Wright and an army of the best musical hired guns that money can buy are still stuck on the defensive. Lines like "So I open my door to my enemies/ And I ask could we wipe the slate clean/ But they tell me to please just go f... myself/ You know you just can't win" are about as philosophically profound as the going gets here.

On the personal intimacy front, we are offered nothing more inspiring that a dialogue in which women ask: "Why won't you talk to me/What are you thinking/ What are you feeling?" only to be answered "We're going nowhere."

This album and the tour that follows its release are the most expensive enterprises in the band's history. The living legend will probably even make it here with it's spectacular show. And the show will probably do as well as the album, currently high on the charts. It's just too bad that all this comes at a time when the band is resigning itself to well crafted nostalgia for its own glory days.



Twenty-four-year-old singer/songwriter Me'shell NdegeOcello is talented but her complaints about the domination of white culture are hard to take seriously in the era of MTV.

TWENTY-four-year-old Me'shell NdegeOcello (pronounced N-day-gay-O-chello) is no aging white yuppie – she's black, lesbian and angry.

She terms her first album *Plantation Lullabies* (Hed Arzi) a collection of "Broken-Hearted Revolutionary Love Songs" and claims to be a modern-day griot (gree-oh), the storyteller/singer and keeper of the oral history and experience of Afrikan peoples.

Is this New York-dwelling, former army brat who is now signed to Madonna's Maverick label for real? *Rolling Stone* and *Time* magazine seem to think so, praising her "shotgun marriage of funk, jazz, hip-hop and angry poetry."

It is true that NdegeOcello has a wonderful way with a beat: light and full of innovation. Apparently this is very much her own, as on the album she plays drums and bass in addition to keyboards and guitar. She *is* talented and her music is also full of snatches of lovely melody. But the lyrical content is hard to follow and its revolutionary fervor is not exactly convincing.

How can anyone who has watched MTV lately seriously complain about "the unbearable whiteness of pop culture"?

A JAZZ/HIP-HOP album with more meat and less pose is last year's US3's *Hand On The Torch* (NMC). This features the hit "Cantaloup (Flip Fantasia)" and various other numbers in which classics from the Blue Note back catalog are remixed with instrumentals by fine young British jazz musicians and raps by energetic young men from Brooklyn and Jamaica. The vibrant music is far more memorable than NdegeOcello's. And the raps, both harrowing and happy, are more convincing. Instead of focusing on being "flavor of the month," US3 has opted for the kind of reputation that grows through word of mouth.

Bostonians boost crossover sounds

HELEN KAYE

ONE of the songs that the Boston Camerata sings in its program *The Sacred Bridge* sounds like it's in Yiddish.

"Actually it's medieval High German," says Joel Cohen in a telephone interview from his home in Boston.

Cohen, 52, is a lutenist, singer and director of the five-member Boston Camerata which will perform *The Sacred Bridge* on May 20 and 21 at the Israel Festival.

The secular and sacred songs, mostly Jewish and mostly from the 12th and 13th centuries, still show the crossovers between Judaism and the dominant Christian culture of the time.

Jewish troubadours, like their Christian counterparts, wandered through medieval Europe, and early church liturgies freely borrowed from the more ancient Jewish musical tradition.

One of the first items on the program, Cohen says, is a Gregorian version of Psalm 114 "that have the same tune whose common ancestor has probably been floating around since before the Roman conquest [of Palestine] in 70 CE."

"That labyrinth of sources is what makes this music so endlessly interesting," Cohen says. He reinforces his thesis with the story of a dinner at a friend's home in Paris.

It's the last song of *The Sacred Bridge* and is the closing prayer or *ne'ila* for the Day of Atonement. Cohen had found it in an old Sephardic songbook in Sarajevo, one of the places to which the Jews migrated after their 1492 expulsion from Spain and Portugal, and he sang it that evening.

"No," said his friend's Moroccan-born grandfather, "this is how it goes," and he sang a variant of that same song.

COHEN'S INTEREST in early music dates from his college days. Born and raised in Providence, Rhode Island, he studied composition at Harvard University and then went to Paris for two years to study with pianist Nadia Boulanger.

"I've not written original music in a long time," he says, "but making this old music cohere has much to do with the compositional process. There's very little music of the time that's written down, and the notation that exists is very sketchy. The oldest piece of Jewish music that's written down is a eulogy to Moses dating from the 12th century."

Finding these works involves painstaking research rather than stumbling across yellowed parchments in music shops, but exciting finds do occur even in the Boston-area libraries where he does most of his work.

One discovery came from browsing through one of the 11 volumes of the Sephardic Song Anthology published by the Hebrew University. He found a version of the Lamentations of Jeremiah which the Jews of Syria sang, "and it was the same tune as the Gregorian chant on the Lamentations sung on Easter Sunday."

The idea of *The Sacred Bridge* came from "being Jewish and a specialist in early music. I kept turning up Jewish pieces and put them in a file and then decided to make a program.

"It's the most popular show we do and about 80 percent of the requests come from non-Jews. When we do it for Jewish audiences, the Ashkenazic Jews are often shocked at the songs' oriental flavor because they're used to the 19th-century [Eastern European] synagogue versions. The Sephardim correct me."

Cohen laughs. "Everybody has a stake in this music. It's part of the cultural mix. Once we were doing the program in a Sephardic synagogue and they asked us to leave the women out, which is funny, because it's the Sephardic women who best kept these songs alive. They taught them to their daughters. Of course we did the program with the group intact."

THE BOSTON Camerata was established in 1954 and Cohen became its director in 1968. Since then, he and the Camerata have built an impressive repertory that spans the Middle Ages to the early baroque with side trips into other eras, such as American folk music of the 19th century.

Cohen's most recent venture is the Camerata Mediterranea, which he established in 1990 to perform early music from the Mediterranean basin. The ensemble has made two CDs of troubadour music from Provence, and the intent is to record the medieval tunes that spread from Spain to North Africa, "but first someone has to give me some money."

When he's not touring, teaching, conducting or recording, Cohen likes to "travel throughout the Alps in the summer on my motor scooter, listening to all those fascinating dialects.

"I'm delighted to be coming to the place where it all started," he says of his first visit here. "This concert of ours is about connections, because no group exists in isolation. There are resonances with our peoples' history and ancestry. The songs show us our roots and have connections with our lives right now."

Blind date with dancers opens eyes to new ideas

DANCE

DORA SOWDEN

GOING to Ein Hashofet (April 27) for the premier of the visiting Companie Nomades from Vevey, Switzerland, was like going on a blind date.

Formed only three years ago by two members of Lausanne's Bezart Ballet, this six-member group was a marvelous surprise. They were riveting, singly and together, in four works by different choreographers.

The aura of Bezart hung over them, but this was not a clone. There was a classical undertow in what they did, but they also turned modern dance cliches inside out, lying or rolling on the floor, for instance.

THE WORKS presented by the Jerusalem Dance Theater at the Rebecca Crown Auditorium (April 24) they were special because they celebrated Jerusalem Day.

Ivan Marko's *Desert Wanderer* is a major work symbolizing the three faiths. Richard Orbach was the wanderer and director Tamara Mielnik his soul in the scene dealing with Judaism (soloist Svetlana Sorin). The Christian segment (Ricki Varon, Yuri Tsvetkov, Yahana Dzemjashkevich and company) was oversentimental, but was steadied by sheer drama; and the Islamic section's debka dancers were the high point.

Mielnik's *Via Bethlehem* inspired by Israel Eliraz's book of that name had Slava Gamelin's music to give it force. The dancers were often more interesting than the dances, but the work had declamatory ferocity.

TWO PROGRAMS at the Suzanne Dellal Theater in Tel Aviv launched the Spring-Loaded Dance, ending May 13.

Noa Dar's *Heads in the Grass*, an extravaganza performed by the choreographer and three other dancers, could be called "Dance of the Absurd." It began with a crone shuffling across the stage, and the rest was presumably jumbled reminiscences of childhood, with the woman in youth. The movements included a great deal of what-you-will, mostly in silence, interspersed with moments of real dancing and music.

In a studio, Anat Danieli's *Kisses* may look splendid. On stage it was slow and repetitive.

THREE CHOREOGRAPHERS were featured in the first program of the Dance Stage of the Habamah Theater, Jerusalem (April 30). The works were movement inventions involving violence. Nimrod Freed's *Red Eyes* (three dancers) went from slow motion to hyperactivity with live music. Sar Hagal's six dancers used sign language of arms and hands for 10 minutes. Sharon Kashi's *Halul* had some good moves.

The sound that resounds from Rehovot

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Israel Camerata Rehovot may not have a home of its own, but the relatively new immigrant-based orchestra is winning lots of local fans, as well as an international reputation.

The main reason for its success is a commercially astute choice of repertoire.

Avner Biron, 45, the music director of the Israel Camerata, has focused for quite a while now on the great vocal masterpieces of the baroque.

This Shavuot (May 15-16), the orchestra will be back at the biannual Abu Ghosh Music Festival outside of Jerusalem.

Biron leads his orchestra in *Bach's Johannes Passion* with what he says is "a first-rate guest choir from Germany." The concert will also be performed at the Tel Aviv Museum and in Rehovot.

But there is no doubt that the best sound will resound in Abu Ghosh.

"When the church is full of people, the acoustics are amazing. We are already talking about making some recordings there. And when we return to Rehovot after a concert in that church, it's really frustrating."

Biron admits that as much as the vocal concerts are rewarding, they can also be frustrating.

"It's very expensive to do these concerts, but we always bring choirs from abroad. It is all a matter of money. We cannot afford singers who demand enormous fees. So we go for what we can get, and at times it is of a far-from-satisfying quality."

Next season's vocal series opens with Bach's Mass in B Minor with another visiting choir from Germany and concludes with Handel's oratorio Saul, this time with a choir from Denmark. In between, there will be more vocal works by Bach and Handel.

Next season, the orchestra's orchestral program focuses on the concerto tradition, each concert featuring at least two concerti with such soloists as pianist Claude Frank playing Mozart and others.

Heavenly harpist sparkles in Voice of Music's Natra retrospective

CONCERT ROUNDUP

TO mark Sergiu Natra's 70th birthday, the Voice of Music organized a retrospective concert of his works.

Natra, who immigrated from Romania in 1961, has absorbed Near-Eastern and oriental-Jewish and Mediterranean modal elements into his style.

At this concert we heard four songs for soprano and piano sung exquisitely by Cilla Grossmeyer, a *Fantasia* played by cellist Michael Haran and pianist Sarah Yanovsky-Tal, *Variations* for harpsichord, played by Miri Singer, a brilliant performance by violist Amos Boasson and pianist Eitan Globerson of *Developments*, and two chamber music compositions, one with alto Mira Zakai and one with harpist Adina Har-Oz.

Hour, for alto and clarinet, violin and piano is a meditative piece of great depth and *Music for Nicanor* for harp, flute, clarinet and string quartet juxtaposes a beautiful harp part. Adina Har-Oz's contribution was extraordinary. The scope, volume and resonance of her tone were outstanding.

Israel Conservatory, Tel Aviv, April 27. **Benjamin Bar-Am**

ON APRIL 30, recently arrived US ambassador Edward Djerejian hosted the annual concert by the Apple Hill Chamber Players from New Hampshire at his residence.

The ensemble was visiting here for the second consecutive year on their Playing for Peace goodwill tour. Before arriving they visited Morocco, Turkey, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. The ensemble's tours are held under the auspices of the US State Department.

Playing a program of Dvorak, Turina, William Bolcom, Schumann, Michael Haydn and Beethoven, the five members of the ensemble actually fulfilled what they described as the very essence of chamber music: the pooling of individual resources to achieve the highest collective-musical goal.

Benjamin Bar-Am

CARL Orff's *Carmina Burana* was performed with immense energy and vigor by the Weimar State Ensemble and the Ernst Senff Choir from Berlin, conducted by Hans Peter Frank, in the Classic Eden Days.

What was missing, whether because of Orff's robust sensibilities or because of the conductor's interpretation, were subtleties. The delicate suggestiveness, irony and lightness of the medieval original were substituted by forward-driving force and grim determination, even aggressiveness, leaving some charm and brightness only to occasional choral soprano episodes.

Silona Michel's soprano, although somewhat thin, nevertheless retained an endearing sweetness, climbing up to impressive heights without becoming shrill. Genuine lyricism was represented only by the warmth and softness of Christine Hansmann's mezzo-soprano. Gunter Moderegger's tenor sounded strained. Baritone Thomas Jesatko, sonorously dark in the low register, also achieved surprisingly high falsetto tones.

Jerusalem International Convention Center, April 4

Ury Eppstein

EVEN the local work was of the Romantic kind – Paul Ben-Haim's *Invocation* from his *Sweet Psalmist of Israel* – in the super-Romantic program of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's popular subscription concert No. 5, conducted by Hungarian-born Janos Furst.

Gilead Mishory, the soloist in Grieg's Piano Concerto, brought to it a refreshingly personal note, without any deliberate attempt at appearing original at all cost.

The poetry of the slow movement and of the enchanting lyric episode in the last one was captured with sensitivity, staying safely this side of sentimentality.

One of Dvorak's less-known symphonies, No. 5 in F major, was played, under Furst's direction, with much liveliness.

Jerusalem Theater, April 28.

Ury Eppstein

AN ENCOUNTER with the rarely heard Baroque violin was offered by Walter Reiter from England in the Guests at the Center series's Concert No. 4.

The highlight of the evening was Bach's Second Partita, which with its intimate sound, easily flowing motion and free, unpedantic tempi sounded altogether different from its more common brilliance and weightiness when played on the classic violin.

Jerusalem Music Center, Mishkenot Sha'ananim, April 23.

Ury Eppstein

TWO new immigrant musicians were presented in the Mormon University's Sunday Evening Concert series, clarinetist Ilya Schwartz and pianist Tanya Stephanova.

In the slow movement of Saint-Saens's Clarinet Sonata, Schwartz knew how to make his clarinet sing, with well-rounded tones and finely shaped phrases, and he displayed delightful elegance and flexibility in the fast ones. Poulenc's Clarinet Sonata was rendered with all its engaging playfulness and lyricism. In Schumann's Phantasy Pieces, the clarinet assumed the expressiveness of a vocal part. The rarely performed Clarinet Sonata by Leonard Bernstein, with its jazzy exuberance, was something of a revelation.

Stephanova is a chamber musician par excellence.

Mormon University Jerusalem Center, April 24

Ury Eppstein

IN HIS contemplative and poetic reading, American pianist David Lively suggests that Brahms's monumental first piano concerto is a very intimate composition.

In his performance with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, Lively emerged as a sensitive pianist who can shape the overall structure of the piece according to his own ideas while never harming the composer's original intentions.

Things were less invigorating in the first part of the concert. The orchestra under music director Stanley Sperber was doing its best in the premiere of Aharon Harlap's second symphony. But it suffered enormously from the poor diction of soprano Sivan Rotem in the final movement. And in Chausson's *Poeme*, the entire feeling was rather dull with concertmaster Ora Shiran never able to add much life as the soloist.

Haifa Auditorium, April 28

Michael Ajzenstadt

Lead actress gets gobbled up by 'Hedda Gabler'

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

HEDDA GABLER

By Henrik Ibsen. Hebrew, Gad Kainar. Direction, Rina Yerushalmi. Sets, Erez Yaniv. Costumes, Rakefet Levi. Lighting, Ben-Zion Munitz. Music, Shosh Reisman. At the Meskin Hall, Habimah National Theater. Hebrew title, *Hedda Gabler*.

Jorgen Tesman ..... Ofer Zohar
Hedda Gabler ..... Odelia Segal
Miss Tesman ..... Ruth Geller
Mrs. Elvsted ..... Lilian Bareto
Judge Brack ..... Dov Reiser
Eilert Lovborg ..... Sharon Alexander
Berta ..... Ora Meirson

MOST of Ibsen's masterpieces have been likened to great chamber music calling for virtuosos in every part.

In her *Hedda Gabler*, Rina Yerushalmi demonstrates her customary ingenuity when it comes to direction but comes up with little virtuosity regarding casting.

The play fails over the casting of the title role. To place a brilliant up-and-coming young actress like Odelia Segal in the part is, in theory, understandable. But, in practice, unfortunate.

This is not because Segal lacks tragic quality or histrionic sensibility of the highest order. It is simply that her talents, great as they may be, do not lend themselves physically or temperamentally to a complex character like Hedda. Played variously as a tigress, a bored aristocratic beauty, an upper-class riotous pagan rebel, a destructive, Dionysian romantic, a sinister, frustrated femme fatale or a pistol-packing man-woman, she is, on occasion, a combination of all six.

She simulates but never captures the air of the great tragedienne.

Absent from her performance are the enacted movement and poetry of the psyche so essential in any realization of Ibsen. Yet for all that we wait expectantly to see this promising young actress, led by a more compatible director, show her strength in a more appropriate role.

That said, the production has many merits, among them the vertical use of Meskin's limited stage, the pinpointing of the action through dramatic lighting as well as the overall orchestration. There is, too, a lively concretization by Ruth Geller of Tesman's fond and feisty old aunt. Her portrayal meshes with Ofer Zohar's touching study of her nephew Jorgen, the naive, dry-as-dust professor, and husband of the accursed Hedda.

Lilian Bareto plays the latter's woebegone foil, Mrs. Elvsted, with a simple and moving passion. Ora Meirson backs them up with a strongly felt maid Berta.

The charismatic Sharon Alexander, however, confronted with Hedda's feeble passion, fails to ignite as Lovborg, her one-time lover with the "vine leaves in his hair."

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	1	3	AVIV GEFFEN	III
#2	2	2	NICK CAVE	LET LOVE IN
#3	3	11	DAVID BROZA	MASSADA
#4	7	30	BOAZ SHARABI	YOU ARE THE NIGHT TO ME
#5	5	9	MARIAH CAREY	MUSIC BOX
#6	9	20	ACHINOAM NINI	NINI AND DOR
#7	11	2	SOUNDTRACK	THE NAME OF THE FATHER
#8	10	20	ACHINOAM NINI	NOA
#9	13	30	ARIK EINSTEIN	COMPILATION
#10	14	2	ENIGMA 2	CROSS OF CHANGES
#11	8	30	SHLOMO ARTZI	COMPILATION
#12	/	RE	TOP POP 1994	VOLUME 2
#13	/	RE	HIT LIST 1994	VOLUME 2
#14	12	2	BJORK	DEBUT
#15	24	6	HIT BOX 1994	VOLUME 4

Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE – re-entry

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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State revenues in April climb 23.4% to NIS 5.4b.

JOSE ROSENFELD

STATE revenues jumped 23.4 percent last month, to NIS 5.4 billion, compared with April last year, driven up by high levels of consumption, imports and local production, State Revenues Director Yoram Gabbai reported yesterday.

Most of the revenue increase is attributable to the sharp rise in tax receipts from companies filing 1993 income tax returns.

In the first third of the year, revenues totaled NIS 12.8b., a real increase of 12.8% compared with the same period last year.

In April, income tax revenues reached NIS 3.1b., or NIS 600 million above estimated revenues.

Gabbai explained that the significant rise derived from the high profits firms made from their commercial activities as well as from their stock market investments.

Property tax revenues shot up 39%, reflecting an active real estate market. Gabbai said, however, that real estate transactions were not as high as in the preceding months.

Value Added Tax (VAT) and customs receipts rose 4.8% last month, to NIS 2.2b. These receipts matched the Treasury's original estimates.

VAT receipts increased last month 10.8%, to NIS 1.8b. These figures reflect relatively high levels of durable good imports, and receipts from purchase taxes on imports which rose 22.3%. Last month's rise in indirect taxes offset the drop in March, when fewer goods cleared customs due to the Pessah holiday.

Meanwhile, the state budget registered a NIS 2.095b. surplus in April, the Treasury reported yesterday. Deputy Accountant-General Avisar Cohen said that the surplus was due to the early payment of March public service salaries and from company payments of their 1993 taxes in April.

Expenditures reached NIS 4.435b., while revenues were NIS 6.53b. The government raised NIS 364m. through the capital market and NIS 272m. from the realization of Bank Leumi options and the sale of Malam. As a result, the government absorbed NIS 2.731b. more than needed to finance its local expenditures last month.

During the first third of the year, budget expenditures totaled NIS 25.7b. and revenues reached NIS 27.8b. During that period, the government raised NIS 298m. from the capital market and privatization.

Panel okays bill limiting gas supply contracts

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset economics committee yesterday approved a bill to limit retroactively contracts between gas stations and their suppliers to nine years.

The bill, sponsored by Dan Tichon (Likud), will now be sent to the plenum for a first reading.

Many existing contracts between gas stations and the three major suppliers – Paz, Sonol and Delek – are for periods of 20-30 years. Newer gas companies charge that these contracts make competition impossible, since the option of terminating them and switching suppliers doesn't exist.

The proposed bill would automatically terminate these contracts nine years from their starting date.

Tichon noted that overseas, competition has led to differences of up to 20% in gasoline prices among stations. Here, however, the lack of competition has created a greater uniformity of prices.

The bill was supported by MKs from across the political spectrum, including Avi Yehezkel (Labor), Naomi Chazan (Meretz) and committee chairman Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud).

Gideon Patt (Likud) said the government is currently working on a broader reform bill, which he hopes will be presented to the committee in two to three weeks. If so, it will probably either be merged with Tichon's bill or replace it.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dubek profits up: Dubek announced a sharp increase in 1993 net profits to NIS 6.8 million, from NIS 1.7m. in 1992. The figure follows an adjustment made by the cigarette manufacturer, which originally recorded a NIS 8.7m loss that it claimed was due to the goverment system for updating cigarette prices.

Export sales dropped sharply to NIS 1.9m., from NIS 6.9m in 1992, but sales of imported cigarettes surged to NIS 19m., from NIS 897,000 in the previous year.

Dubek now holds a 67% market share, as compared with a 95% share in 1987.

Lanoptics records NIS 1.8m. profits: Lanoptics reported first-quarter net profits of NIS 1.8m., compared with NIS 3.1m. in the same period last year. Net sales increased 67% to NIS 13.3m., from NIS 8m. in 1993. Earnings per share fell to NIS 0.32, from NIS 0.53.

The company attributed the results to continued efforts at market penetration, including the opening of new offices in Europe and the US.

Malibu reports net losses for '93: Real estate contractor Malibu reported net losses of NIS 21.2m. for 1993 compared with net profits of NIS 12.9m. in the previous year.

The main causes for the downswing were heavy one-time losses of some NIS 13.3m. incurred by the US-based Rokeach Food Corporation, of which Malibu owns a partial interest, and Milk Man, a local manufacturer of milk products, which suffered a NIS 8.3m loss.

Malibu's share price on the stock exchange dropped by 7.5% yesterday.

Let Palestinian firms trade on 2nd stock exchange: The Manufacturers Association has asked government to establish the country's second stock exchange in Jerusalem and allow Palestinian companies to issue shares and invest on the exchange, chairman of the Manufacturers Association in Jerualem, Sikh Altavia, said yesterday.

Idan buys majority of ASP: Idan, part of the Formula group, has agreed to buy a 51 percent interest in ASP, US-based office communications systems supplier, for $2.9m.

WORLD BRIEFS

US purchasers' index up slightly: The manufacturing sector of the economy chalked up its eight consecutive monthly gain in April while the overall economy grew at the highest rate since January, the National Association of Purchasing Management said yesterday.

The group said manufacturing employment rose last month for the first increase in more than five years. *Reuter*

New Asian channels for MTV: US pop video broadcaster MTV announced new Asian channels following a split with media tycoon Rupert Murdoch, and promised to meet local cultural sensitivities and government regulations.

MTV confirmed speculation that it had ended a three-year deal with Murdoch's Hong Kong-based STAR TV. *Reuter*

German 'solidarity tax' for at least 5 years: An income tax surcharge of 7.5 percent being reintroduced in Germany next year to help pay for unification will remain in force for at least five years, Chancellery Minister Friedrich Bohl said yesterday. *Reuter*

Nine groups intend to bid on Shekem

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

NINE groups have notified the government of their interest to participate in the tender to gain controlling interest in Shekem, Managing Director of the Government Companies Authority Yossi Nitzani said yesterday.

The deadline to express interest in the purchase of the government's 35 percent share in the retail chain was yesterday.

The authority declined to name any participants, but said most are made up of a number of companies or a number of private investors. Each group has local investors and some include foreign investors.

Two groups that are comprised of companies traded on the stock exchange are the only ones that have announced publicly their intention to bid for the tender.

One group is equally divided among Africa Israel, The Israel Land Development Comapny, Dankner and Lodzia-Rotex.

A second group is made up of Koor, Tadiran Consumer Products, the Al-Rov group, a subsidiary of Phoenix and Kital. Koor controls 40% of the package of shares and Tadiran Consumer Products, a subsidiary of Tadiran, holds 30%. The remaining 30% is divided equally between Al-Rov, Phoenix and Kitan.

Koor's plan to gain control of Shekem is part of its policy to strengthen retail activities. The concern already has a share in the Home Center do-it-yourself chain and in the Cash and Carry retail chain which is currently being set up here.

The government will now examine the eligibility of participants in the tender over the next few months.

"Once the Government Companies Authority receives a number of documents and information, the details will be passed on to the Ministry of Defense for examination and approval. Only then, will it be possible to continue with the sale process," Finance Ministry said.

Candidates that receive government approval will then receive additional information on Shekem to make a price bid.

Shekem is traded according to a market value of $180 million to $200m. Controlling interest is valued at $50-70m.

VW head holds talks with Dead Sea Works

JOSE ROSENFELD

VOLKSWAGEN President Ferdinand Piech arrived earlier this week to discuss teaming up with Dead Sea Works on the building of a ferrous magnesium plant.

Piech met yesterday with Israel Chemicals and Dead Sea Works senior management and with the ministers of finance and industry and trade.

Israel Chemicals has been looking for a foreign partner to share between 30 percent to 50% of the new plant's cost. The project is estimated to cost $360 million.

Israel Chemicals officials believe that a partnership with Volkswagen, the fourth largest car manufacturer in the world, would give the new plant a strategic advantage.

Ferrous magnesium is used in the production of the aluminum alloys used in the manufacturing of lighter cars which consume less gasoline.

Volkswagen is now coming out with an aluminum car prototype that will be used as a future model for world car production, the Treasury reported.

Piech reported that he will be sending a group of experts soon, hoping that by the end of the year the plans will be completed.

Hapoalim approves Sivan raise, bonus

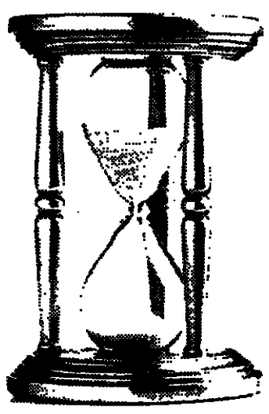
GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Hapoalim's board approved yesterday a 50 percent salary hike and special bonus for chief executive officer Amiram Sivan.

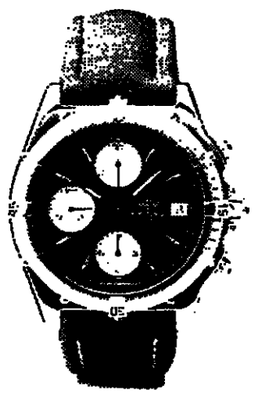
The board agreed to raise Sivan's annual salary to NIS 600,000, from NIS 400,000. It also agreed to pay him a bonus of NIS 200,000 due to the bank's high profits last year. Hapoalim ended 1993 with profits of NIS 374m.

Sivan did not take part in the meeting, since he resigned from the board at the end of its last meeting two weeks ago. At that meeting, the directors approved the pay hike and bonus.

At Hapoalim's annual general shareholders meeting later that week, however, representatives of Bank Hapoalim Trust Company, which holds the government's shares in the bank, asked the board to defer the decision until it held a meeting with its newly appointed board members, who were approved at the shareholders meeting.



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Bezek decides not to raise Pelephone 'air time' rates

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEK decided yesterday to forgo a 6.05 percent hike in charges for cellular phone "air time."

Bezek-Motorola, which runs the local cellular phone (Pelephone) system, was expected on Sunday to increase the rate charged for calls involving Pelephones.

Air time costs were lowered by 25% one year ago.

From May 1, Pelephone owners are not being charged for air time on incoming calls – the caller must pay for both air time and phone units.

Until this month, air time costs were charged to Pelephone owners regardless of who made the call.

Bezek Director-General Yitzhak Kaul said yesterday that even though the lower charges would put considerably more pressure on the country's telephone infrastructure, Bezek would not increase the charges for air time.

He did not mention the fact that competition from a second cellular phone supplier, which is due later this year, could push charges down for both companies.



Invitation to Tender

Bids are invited for the sale and/or long-term rental of the exclusive Nati Fashion Shop, situated on 3 floors, 283.39 sq.m., on 77 Herzl St., Ramat Gan.

Those interested in submitting bids can examine the shop and receive additional information from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., by appointment. Tel. 03-6735811, 03-6734284.

An appraiser fixed the value of the shop between $850,000 and $900,000. This appraisal does not constitute a minimum bid.

Bids must be submitted by May 24, 1994 to:

Gabriel Cohen, Advocate and Notary, 19 Netzah Yisrael St., Tel Aviv 64361.

Invitation to Tender
for the Supply of Equipment for Concrete and Soil Laboratories

The College of Engineering at the Islamic University of Gaza intends to buy equipment for concrete and soil laboratories.
Those interested are invited to pick up the bill of quantities from the Secretary of the College of Engineering, not later than May 4, 1994.
Note: The bill of quantities can be received by fax. For more information, please contact the College of Engineering.

College of Engineering
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Tel. 07-863554/234, 07-823311
Fax. 07-863552.

Scitex Corporation Ltd.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Scitex Corporation Ltd. will be held at the offices of the Company, Hamada Street, Industrial Park, Herzlia B, Israel, on Thursday, May 12, 1994, at 2:00 p.m.

Shareholders of record at the close of business on April 5, 1994, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting. Notices, proxy solicitation material and forms of proxy have been mailed to such shareholders.

Shareholders who are interested in further information should contact David Shulman, the Corporate Secretary of the Company. Tel.: 09-597334.

Herzlia, Israel. May 3 1994.

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Top businessmen divided on future of housing prices – survey

JOSE ROSENFELD

A SURVEY of 100 top businessmen shows they are split in predicting whether or not housing prices will continue to climb, the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce reported yesterday.

The survey evaluated the impact of four events – the stock market's downturn earlier this year, the closure of the territories, the security situation following the Hebron massacre and the signing and implementation of the peace accord with the PLO – on basic economic trends.

About 39 percent of the respondents believe that real estate prices will continue rising, while 36% expect them to stabilize.

Sixty-one percent of the respondents believe the implementation of autonomy in the territories will have a minor impact on the local economy.

Although 47% of the respondents believe the stock market's downturn will not alter the basic trend of economic growth, 42% of them expect it to have a negative impact on the economy.

'Aviation authority not following policy'

HAIM SHAPIRO

TOURISM Minister Uzi Baram has written to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to protest the Civil Aviation Authority's failure to implement the government's liberalized aviation policy.

Baram said the authority has shown it has no intention of authorizing new charter flights. The addition of charter flights is expected to increase competition and lower air fares, according to Baram.

Baram was apparently referring to the case of World Airways, a charter company whose request to initiate charter flights between the US and Israel was rejected three times by the authority.

Despite Baram's claims, authority figures show the number of charter passengers traveling to and from Ben-Gurion Airport during March rose by 82 percent compared with March 1993.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (2.5.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	3.500	3.875	4.500
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.625	3.750	4.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.575	4.250	4.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.875	2.875	2.875
Yen (10 million yen)	0.625	0.750	1.000

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (2.5.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.2440	3.2900	—	—	3.2660
U.S. dollar	2.9777	3.0186	2.92	—	2.9980
German mark	1.7973	1.8225	1.76	3.08	1.8109
Pound sterling	4.5166	4.5801	4.42	1.85	4.5420
French franc	0.5257	0.5331	0.51	4.63	0.5290
Japanese yen (100)	2.9268	2.9680	2.87	0.54	2.9469
Dutch florin	1.8035	1.8261	1.57	3.01	1.8134
Swiss franc	2.1171	2.1469	2.08	1.65	2.1338
Swedish krone	0.3904	0.3959	0.38	2.18	0.3926
Norwegian krone	0.4151	0.4110	0.41	0.40	0.4179
Danish krone	0.4582	0.4687	0.45	0.43	0.4620
Finnish mark	0.5569	0.5647	0.55	0.47	0.5603
Canadian dollar	2.1563	2.1873	2.12	0.57	2.1725
Australian dollar	2.1201	2.1500	2.08	2.22	2.1383
S. African rand	0.8464	0.8583	0.57	2.19	0.8538
Belgian franc (10)	0.8740	0.8863	0.86	0.77	0.8793
Austrian schilling (10)	2.5560	2.5918	2.51	0.90	2.5745
Italian lira (1000)	1.8760	1.9023	1.83	2.63	1.8885
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.11	1.94	4.2122
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.85	4.37	0.8394
ECU	3.4750	3.5239	—	0.91	3.4976
Irish punt	4.3921	4.4539	4.29	—	4.4223
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2057	2.2357	2.14	4.55	2.2280
				2.29	

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	...NIS 2.9980	- 0.07%
Sterling	.....NIS 4.5420	+ 0.13%
Mark	.....NIS 1.8109	+ 0.44%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3701.02	+19.33
DJ Transport	1847.33	-18.8
DJ Utils	197.47	-1.91
DJ Comp	1314.78	-1.15
NYSE Industr	306.44	+1.83
NYSE Transport	251.91	-1.83
NYSE Comp	251.37	+1.01
NASDAQ Indust	-	-
NASDAQ Transp	-	-
NASDAQ Utils	154.46	+0.47
NASDAQ Comp	-	-
S&P 100	417.85	+2.75
S&P Spot Index	452.94	+2.93
AMEX Comp	440.14	+0.23

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+611	1212	956
Volume up (in 1000's)			173295
Volume down (in 1000's)			95043

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3125.3	0
Tokyo Nikkei average	19570.2	-155
Singapore all-shares index	574.12	0
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	8966.07	0

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pep	46	+0.625
Angel A	9.625	+0.125
Arpi	4	0
Biotech	3.25	-0.0625
Carmel Cont	8.75	+0.125
Electro Chem-Fruitarom	3.375	+0.3125
Elscint	3	+0.125
Elz Leasd	10.375	+0.125
Elz Lasud A	9.125	+0
Lasar Inds C	7.25	-0.125
PEC	28.5	+0.5
Tadiran	21.125	+0.25
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	6.375	+0
4D	6.375	+0
Angel 6.5	25	0
BVR Tech	10.125	+1.25
Coherent Tech	8.75	-0.125
Del. Sys	8.375	-0.125
ECI Tel	20.5	-0.125
Edanetics	8	+0.375
Edu-Soft	10.75	0
Electro Fuel	10.25	+0
EFFI	15.375	+0.375
Elbit	37.625	+1.25
Elron	17	+0.5
Eshed Robotec	2.1875	0
M. Systems	8.5	-0.375
ISG	4.625	-0.25
Geotek	10.9375	-0.1875
Health Tech	2.4375	+0.125
Idan	1	-0.125
IIS	5.25	+0
Interpharm	13.5	0
Isramco	1.75	-0.125
Ituran	1.125	-0.09375
Koor Bond	100	+0.25
Lannet	9	+0.25
Lanoptics	8.375	+0.625
Magal	6.75	+0.5
Medis-Al	6.25	+0.125
Magic	12.625	-0.625
Orbotech	9	-0.25
Oshap Tech	3.25	-0.25
Rada	5.125	-0.375
Robomatics	2.625	+0.125
Sapiens	7.96875	-0.78125
Scitex	19.375	-0.625
Silicon	4.75	+0
T.A.T Technol	4.5	-0.25
Taro Vit	5.5	+0
Telecats	14.25	+0.5
Telegraph	5.625	+0
Teva	28.875	+0
TVG	2.5	-0.125

(All listings are closing quotes)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Data 2-MAY-94)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.516	-0.0003
	Jun future (CME)	1.5138	-0.0042
D-mark:	spot	1.6488	-0.0068
	Jun future (CME)	0.6054	+0.0013
S-franc:	spot	1.4823	-0.0007
	Jun future (CME)	0.7129	-0.0004
Yen:	spot	101.8	-0.27
	Jun future (CME)	0.00985	-2e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.382	+0
	Jun future (CME)	0.7219	+0.0003
AusDlr:	spot	0.7318	-0.0039
	Jun future (CME)	0.7113	-0.0036
F-franc:	spot	5.845	+0
It Lira:	spot	1587	+1
Nlg:	spot	1.8498	-0.0182
AusShg:	spot	11.885	0
Rand:	spot	3.52	0
ECU:	spot	1.1712	+0.0003
Bonds	future	104.469	-0.03125
S and P	future	452.5	+2.15

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	4.3125	0
Dollar	6 months	4.4375	0
Dollar	12 months	5.3125	0
Sterling	3 months	5.25	0
Sterling	6 months	5.4375	0
Sterling	12 months	5.875	0
S-franc	3 months	4	0
S-franc	6 months	4	0
S-franc	12 months	4	0
D-mark	3 months	5.375	0
D-mark	6 months	5.3125	0
D-mark	12 months	5.3125	0
Yen	3 months	2.3125	0
Yen	6 months	2.4375	0
Yen	12 months	2.625	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:00 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (CEC)	1137	+17
Coffee (May) (CEC)	89.8	+0.7
Wheat (May) (CBOT)	332	+5.5
Soybeans(May (CBOT)	598.75	-7.5
Orange juice (May) (CEC)	105.8	-1.9
Crude oil light (Jun)(CEC)	18.94	+0.23

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (LCE)	828	0
Coffee (May) (LCE)	1615	0
Wheat (May)(LCE)	114	0
Brent crude oil (Jun)(IPE)	1569	0

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	378.45	-0.1
Silver:	spot	5.31	+0

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Apr.)	-	-
Silver (May.)	5.296	-0.04
Platinum (Jul.)	405.8	+3.5
Palladium (Jun.)	142.15	+3.65
High-grade copper (May.)	0.93	+0.0165

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	378.45	0
Gold PM fix	378.45	0
Silver fix	5.28	0
Platinum PM fix	380.75	0

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:00 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Data 2-MAY-94)

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FstIntW1	2676	7.8
FstIntW2	8217	-1.2
General	13004	
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
LeumiW1		
MtrcC	272	10.1
OtnH	217000	-10.0
Trade	392	-0.5
TradeC	249	1.7

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	431286	
Carmel	1003	-0.8
CarmC2	389	5.1
DevMB	25959	
FirstMB	46760	
IndexMB	36234	-5.0
J IssC	108150	0.4
J IssW	259	0.7
JisnBnk	494	-0.4
LeumiMBR	127691	-1.5
MishlanI	42654	
MishlanC	200	1.0
Mtsmr	19400	-1.0
TefahotB	180898	3.0
TefahotR	181700	

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shiton	9983	-2.2

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
Aranet	2667	
Ayalon	3095	3.0
AyalonC	609	5.8
Elinn	378	5.9
ElranC1	269	
Hadar1	1735	-1.5
Hadar5	1684	-0.2
HamishmrC	306	
Hamishmr1	2300	-8.2
Hamishmr5	2277	-3.0
Menorah1	1692	
Menorah5	1441	-1.8
Phoenix1	5067	
Phoenix5	4806	1.5
Soher	6267	
Zion5	14224	-1.2

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
Assuta	1638	-0.3
AssutaC1	307	
Bezeq	2679	-1.3
BezekW2	331	-0.6
BndWrhC1	134.50	1.1
BndWrhC2	135.00	0.7
BandWrh1 L	5774	-2.0
Clal1	136851	2.0
ClalCmrcC	410	
ClalTrW5	1085	
CorBosch	2834	7.0
CoOp	3328	-0.7
Crystal	3131	-3.0
DanHotel	3310	
DCL	1331	
DCLW	862	
Elad	288	
Feldmnkrs	686	
GanHadar	349	2.3
GanHasC	204	1.0
GlasgR2	226	
GlenIdC1	127.80	
GranitW2	183.60	-0.3
HGM21	144.00	-1.4
HGIIW1	474	
HGII1	1111	-0.5
Inrgsme1	6065	
Inrgsme5	5657	3.0
Isrcl	34853	10.0
Liraz	2408	1.0
MaSi	1345	-5.0
Medtech	1167	
MedtechW	1728	1.3
MLLC1	284	-2.2
Repac	3534	-1.0
Reshet	313	
ReshetC1	134.50	-1.1
Teem	7000	-1.3
TeemC1	392	-8.1
TeemC2		
Telsys	1832	
Topline	720	
YnetC1	144.00	-4.6
Ynsrsa	1652	3.8
Yrshi1	1430	-1.5
Yons	1160	-0.3

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
AdasaC	168.50	
AdrinDC	473	
AdasmnC2	148.00	-2.3
Allanca	2340	
Alony	556	
AlonyW1	80.00	
Alumit11L	15785	-10.0
Angel	16277	-8.0
Argaman	1799	-1.2
AryCT	138.00	3.0
Ashply	3216	
Ashplyv1	183.00	
AshplyW2	2554	
AshtmW1		
Ashtrom	544	4.0
Atzmon	1131	-4.0
AtzmonW1	618	
Avrmotr	973	-5.0
Baltman	918	-2.0
BoulosC1	254	-1.2
Clamrox Corp	57.875	-1.125
Chiquita Brands	12.875	+0.125
Chrysler	48.25	+0.5
Clubb Corp	77.125	+0.625
Clxsorp	37.625	+0.625
Clark Equipment	66.375	+0.125
Clevid Cliffs	37	-0.125
Clorox	51	+0.5
Coastal Corp	31	-0.625
Coca Cola	41.875	+0.125
Coca Cola Ent	17.625	-0.125
Colgate Palmolv	58.5	+0.875
Comcast Corp A	16	+0.25
Commonw Edison	25	-0.375
Compaq	112.75	+1.75
Compute Ass Int	32.5	+0.125
Computer Sci	39.25	+1.25
Conagra	28.25	+0.375
Cons Edison	31	+0.375
Cons Freightways	28.75	-0.75
Cons Nat Gas	28.375	+0.5
Cons Rail	56.375	+0
Contl Bank Corp	35	+0.5
Contl Corp	22.375	-0.125
Cooper Inds	37.375	-0.75
Coors (Adolphi)	18.6875	+0.09375
Corning Inc	32.25	+0.75
Crane	26	+0.625
Cray Research	21	-0.375
Crown Cork Seal	36.25	+0.25
Cummins Engine	42.25	-1
Curtiss-Wright	34.375	-0.25
Cypress Semicon	17	+0.375
Cypress Mineral	28.375	+0.25
DSC Commun	62.875	+2.875
DOE	32.375	+0.25
Dana Corp	54.125	+0
Data General	7.375	-0.125
Dayton Hudson	80.25	+1.25
De Beers	23.875	+0.125
Deere	76.75	+0.125
Delta Pair & L	39.75	-0.25
Delta Air Lines	47.625	+0.125
Deluxe Corp	27.5	+0.5
Detroit Edison	26.75	-0.25
Dial Corp Del	46.125	-0.875
Diebold Inc	40.375	+0.625
Digital Equip	21.625	+0.25
Dillard Dep St	34.25	+0.75
Disney (Walt)	42.25	-0.25
Dominion Res	42.25	+0
Donelley (RR)	27.5	+0.25
Dover Corp	55.75	+0.5
Dow Chemicals	64.125	+1.375
Dow Jones	38.75	+0.375
Dresser	22.25	-0.5
Dreyfus Corp	48.75	+0.5
Duke Power	38.75	+0.125
Dun & Bradst	59.5	+0.75
Du Pont	59.5	+1.375
E G & G Corp	15.125	+0.25
E-Systems	40.25	+0.125
Eastern Enta	26.125	+0
Eastman Kodak	64.375	+2.875
Eaton Corp	55.875	+0.375
Echlin Inc	28	+0
Emerson Elec	61	+2.75
Engelhard Corp	25.875	-0.125
Enron Corp	29.375	+0.25
Entergy Corp	14.25	+0.125
Enterprise Corp	29.875	-0.25
Ethyl Corp	11.875	+0.125
Exxon	61.5	-1.375
FMC Corp	48	+0.625
FPL Group	35.25	-0.125
Fedders Corp	7.75	+0
Federal Espres	78	-0.25
Federal Mogul	29.125	+0.625
Fed Nat Mtge	84	+0.75
Federal Ppr Bd	21.125	-0.125
Fieldcrest Can	22.125	+0.625
First Bank Sys	35	+0.375
First Chicago	52.875	+0.25
First Fid Bancp	46.125	-0.25
First Interst	80	+0.25
First Mississipp	15	+0
First Union Rity	7.5	+0.375
First Fnl Grp	37.625	-0.125
Fleetwd Enterp	20.5	-0.375
Fleming Cos Ok	25.625	+0.5
Florida Prog	30	-0.25
Fluor Corp	51.5	+0.375
Food Lion Inc	5.875	+0.125
Ford Motor	60.875	+2.5
Foster Wheeler	40.375	+0.125
Freeport McMor	19.125	+0
GATX Corp	41.25	+0.125
Gelco Corp	56.75	+1
GTE Corp	37.75	+0
Gannett	62.625	+0.125
Gap Inc Del	45.875	-1.25
Genecorp	14	+0
Gen Am Invest	21.25	+0.25
Gen Dynamics	40.875	+0.375
Gen Electric	55.875	+0.625
Gen Mills	52.125	+0.5
Gen Motors	57.25	+0.5
Gen Motors E	34.25	+0.5
Gen Public Uti	30.75	+0.25
Gen Reinsurnce	112.5	+1
Gen Signal	32.625	-0.125
Genuine Parts	35.5	-0.125
Georgia Pac	60	+0.375
GtAtlPac	393	-0.5
GtStnC1	3377	
Gtwd Cit	2139	-0.5
GyclonW	12629	-4.5
Cyclone1	25941	-2.2
Cyclone5	15514	-3.3
CyclonC1	197.00	-2.0
CyclonC2	215	-1.8
Dalfon5	184.00	
DetroitW2	2805	
Dsfrm1	4553	
Decision	1242	1.7
Degem1	1937	
Delta 1	2584	0.5
Delta3	2364	
Dubek6	19755	-7.2
DubekR	20025	
EagleC	160.00	
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	36.80	
Eagle1	82.00	
Edger	580	-0.5
EdgarC2	141.00	
EldanTec	182.50	
ElbitW1	26681	-0.8
Elcolnd	5543	3.2
Elctmos	2123	3.0
ElcmW1	576	
Elcr 0.5	10187	-0.5
ElecrG4	355	
ElscC	282	4.1
ElvdRbtc	1239	
Evrot	906	
Fertlzr5	3536	
Fertl0.1	4188	-1.5
FrschdW1	5131	
FrschdW5	4170	-3.0
Five J	1034	-1.5
FrutarC1	184.50	
FrutarC2	184.00	-0.8
GbonC1	117.00	-0.8
GbonSub	626	
GbonW2	2224	2.5
Golan	1684	-0.5
Hamashl	22544	
Hamash5	23220	
Hatchst1	595	-5.4
Hatchst5	475	
Hod	503	-5.0
Hofit	426	
IsrCan1	3066	
Isr-orm	881	-0.5
Kadam	7665	-0.5
KadamC2	189	0.5
Kelor	603	6.0
KlanC1	150.50	-1.8
KlanW1		
KRB	3851	-0.5
Lipski	5177	
Lodzia1	2424	-1.2
Lodzia5	1920	
LtuhrGal	460	-7.7
MacPell	1179	
MacPellW1	32.70	-7.8
Magem	643	-1.5
Maxima1	2505	3.2
Maxima5	2265	1.0
Mel Eden	1202	
Modgal	897	-0.5
Mosaic7	1082	-3.0
Mosaic5	1010	
MvgComm	530	
Nahusht1	1478	
Nahusht5	1288	-1.0
Neviot	1509	-2.8
NeviotW1		
Nitzi1	2228	
NMC	573	
Ofir	1386	-0.5
Ophir	400	
Orbit1	780	-2.5
Orlita	509	-2.0
PackerW2	19007	-0.6
Pargod	4014	
PazChen	929	
Plrs	897	-5.2
PolgatA	575	-2.2
PolgatC1	183.00	
PolgatW3	283	2.2
Polygon	1383	
PolygonC	178.50	-0.3
PCI	1283	2.0
Rabintex	2000	-0.5
RabinsW	1095	
Sanlkofi	1209	-0.2
Sano1	1882	-4.6
Sano5	1772	-3.6
Sefas	980	-0.5
Shemen	25711	-1.0
Spctrm	798	-5.4
Steal	210	-0.5
Suntrust	13819	
Teel	104018	-10.0
Tadiran	1485	-2.0
TadiC	302	-5.0
Teden	1118	-2.0
Tiv	1010	-5.0
Tobias1	614	-4.1
Topper	534	0.9
TATC1	388	
TAT1	1388	
Unibnk1	1988	
UniSec5	749	-0.9
Vitalgo1	8806	
Vulcan	343	-2.0
VulcanC	178.50	5.0
Wardmon	31468	-1.7
WardmW2	19809	-2.0
YitongC2	460	
Zohar1	540	-0.2
Zilot1	1947	-2.5
Zilot5	1804	-5.0
Zivit1	8811	-0.3
Zivit5	5388	
ZionCab1	2044	-0.5
Zohar#2	1128	8.3

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
Alrov	3123	6.0
AlrovC		
AlrovW2L	1600	17.5
Amidar	751	-0.5
Amdinv C1	199	-3.2
Arlad1	1561	-8.3
Asia	3485	-3.2
AsiaC4	253	8.4
AsiaW2	2078	-10.0
AzorpC1	306	
AzorpW3	233	
AsorProp	926	-1.0
Barano1	2447	
Bayside5	37200	-2.0
BaysideC1	37650	-1.0
BenYakar	6353	-2.5
BenYaKrW1	2467	
BenYhenG	709.00	
Bdgrlas	8154	
Control	3697	3.3
DanKnes	2228	0.3
DanKnesC	192.50	-0.5
Darad1	432	-0.4
Dunlop	8940	6.5
DunlopCw	948	
Engel	1144	
GibbHous	340	
GibHousC	125.00	
Hlton	854	-1.7
HltonW4	686	3.7
Ispro	3505	0.3
IsrsIomC	298	
IsrsIomW	3823	
IsrsrC1	349	
IsrsrDJ5	6833	-1.7
Isrsr1	9603	3.9
ICP5	28821	3.3
Jeysour1	644	
Jordan	733	1.9
LadiC1	146.50	-0.3
LisrsdW1	213	-1.8
Lsmick	742	
Lpshis5	324	
Lumir1	10862	-0.3
MalBusC		
MalBusC2	119.00	-2.9
MalBsn1	1753	
MerLasC	227	-6.8
MerLasC2	129.00	-0.4
MerLasW3	800	-10.0
Minrav	14444	-1.3
Mishmeet	440	-2.0
MTAir	4500	
NeotAviv	2089	
PdOr	7825	5.2
RedSea	947	
RogovnTL	1655	
RogvtnS	1577	
Rotem	1032	-2.3
SelaerHel		
Secdrn	516	
Shrikat	1205	
Tashkaz	1468	

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Aclasa1	1760	-4.5
Aclasa2	1675	-2.6
AfrInC	713	-0.2
Amps	230681	-1.6
Arad	11481	-6.6
Azr aC2	333	-2.9
ClalW3	5077	-1.2
Clal80	9982	-0.7
DanSecC	1035	
Danber1	5231	-0.5
Elsm	5489	
Emsh	597	-1.0
ExportC4	364	-1.4
EzrbC1	830	-2.6
Hrzn5	8801	1.5
IDLC5	241	9.5
Kardan1	898	
KardanG2		
Klal	1492	1.3
Magor1	4647	4.0
Magor5	3769	
Molex	1359	-0.5
OclfC1	153.00	
OclfW1	8501	
Otsr	32269	-1.3
Pamal0.1	1741	-6.5
Rlm1	1020	-5.2
Rlm4	747	-10.0
SaharDev	4104	-5.6
Saurita	4739	0.3
SecuritsC	140.00	
SecuritsW	2073	
TaycC	463	2.7
TzurC1	186.00	0.6
TzurSHdrv	142.00	-1.0
TzurW3	132.00	4.6
Unico	8126	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
JoilC1	205	-4.7
JoilC1A	198.00	-7.0
MGN1	21418	-10.0

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Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
Adan	3856	1.5
AdanW1	2769	
Comsec	936	3.0
Dailyn	36.30	
Dsnd	1831	
Dsnly	6458	-0.6
Data	2586	-10.0
Elitech	1224	
Greenbrg	1543	
ILDOHDT	992	3.0
IDnd	2072	-3.1
Kapel	916	1.5
KopelC1	191.00	0.8
MZPK	1027	
Nimin1	823	-1.8
TendLin	2776	-2.0

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
Adler	288	-0.3
Canrea1	13868	2.5
Gwrk	2068	0.5
GwrkW1	1767	
GzrnC1	387	2.4
Lasrlsh	405	
Isrelm1	1308	8.0
Mellanox	1287	-1.5

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All indexes down

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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Two-Sided index	Maof index	Karam index
228.77 -0.14%	226.03 -0.03%	272.18 -0.21%

Two-sided trading

Name	Price	AFTERNOON % Change	AFTERNOON Volume Shares	MORNING Price	MORNING % Change	MORNING Volume Shares
Abjac	118.0	-1.5	760000	116.0	-3.3	236446
Ackerlin	948	-1.5	2500	948	-1.5	40567
Adacom	1029	-0.7	28800	1016	-2.0	44644
Afris 0.	530374	-0.7	156	534382		43
Afrisr	486290		220	485074	-0.3	73
Agan	4993	1.5	42000	4858	-1.2	32243
Agis	3962	2.0	20400	3884		15872
Aryt	1161	-3.2	4000	1155	-3.8	10870
Avner	25.2	-0.2	1045000	25.3		981624
Azorim	5605	-0.5	33250	5422	-3.7	16052
ALPM	14063		3800	13817	-1.7	9083
Barak	578	-1.5	556500	586	-0.3	188089
Boulo	407		72000	407		93056
Cables	2163	-1.5	28900	2147	-2.2	28148
Clal Com	46537	-2.5	450	46298	-3.0	446
Clal Ele	42535	-0.5	4920	42108	-1.5	3551
Clal Tra	1937	-1.2	15600	1928	-1.7	37283
Clal 10	11719	0.5	18800	10953	-1.0	13406
Clalins	2020	2.7	90000	1986		53790
Clalsr 5	3242	-0.5	5600	3225	-1.0	5662
Clinds	2169	0.2	138000	2148	-0.7	61311
CohenDev	1301	1.2	9000	1285		18780
Danber 5	3782	0.2	4800	3764	-0.2	8955
Dead Sea	1451	-0.2	117000	1448	-0.5	145654
Delek	8075	-0.7	16800	7973	-2.0	13631
Discinv	26395	0.7	25290	26198		7644
Elbit	38302	0.5	6180	38111		4885
Elco	9495	4.7	15000	9064		2834
Elite 5	1588	-0.2	54000	1560	-2.0	57784
Elron	17284		7800	16913	-1.0	9686
Evergr n	5193	-0.5	4400	5167	-1.0	9362
Export	2262	-2.7	18000	2227	-4.3	8431
Fibi	62920	-1.0	1320	62920	-1.0	1406
Formula	4208	7.0	110400	3933		7080
FrstIntl	41273	-2.2	2700	41378	-2.0	1911
FrstIn5	37161	-3.0	3000	37065	-3.2	855
Frutarom	975		20000	970	-0.5	50260
Gahelet	14361	-1.2	1500	14325	-1.5	2422
Granit	603	-1.0	44000	600	-1.5	102523
Hapoalm	417	-1.5	260000	417	-1.4	161637
Hapolm	14576	-2.2	2400	14687	-1.5	1539
IndBldg	525	0.7	200000	516	-1.0	141037
IndDevBK	46079	-6.7	350	45585	-7.8	540
Isramco	27.0	2.0	15360000	27.0	1.9	5794245
IsrCorp1	42639	0.7	4260	41476	-2.0	1177
IsrCorp5	37562		770	37112	-1.3	1247
IsChem	261	-1.2	1386000	259	-1.9	658660
IDB	1358		181900	1338	-1.5	92587
IDBDev	74865	0.2	2730	74481	-0.3	1213
ILDC	2640	0.7	126000	2620		90456
JEC	2095	0.5	102300	2068	-1.2	30316
JOEL	439	0.7	585000	428	-1.8	286485
Kardan5	885	-0.5	42500	871	-2.0	41054
Kitan	1234	-1.0	2000	1234	-1.0	44180
Klil	3001	-0.2	6400	3001	-0.3	1994
Koor	25198	0.5	15200	24958	-0.5	12848
Leumi	388	-0.5	1266000	386	-1.1	740130
LeumiW2	45.1	-1.0	1260000	45.6		631690
Lifshiz1	402		30000	402		88005
Makhteh	1782	2.0	123000	1747		57586
Malibu5	1705	-7.5	9600	1700	-7.8	38248
Maman	886	1.7	75000	871		32418
Marit1	3808	6.2	62300	3683	2.8	23196
Mashov	1141	0.7	43700	1133		53126
Mehadrin	20196	3.5	2040	19464	-0.3	671
MeirEzra	9117	8.0	25000	8273	-2.0	11203
Mivtsh	2651	-0.2	6400	2651	-0.3	12465
Multilock	2327	-0.2	13000	2304	-1.2	8609
MGN5	16768	-4.2	6300	16284	-7.0	4845
MLL1	979	2.7	85000	953		21931
NatpilDS	86.0	-2.0	25000	86.0	-1.7	288357
NACIONAL	2616	1.5	42000	2577		19057
Oclf	12969	0.2	2400	12937		3442
Ormat	1324	-1.0	133200	1314	-1.7	96488
Osem	1939	-1.2	85200	1925	-2.0	55937
OsemW1	558	-4.5	42000	550	-5.8	43875
PazoilEx	342	2.0	28000	339	1.2	47890
Packer	21767	-1.7	480	21712	-2.0	1718
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Pippen takes Chicago to 2-0 lead

CHICAGO (AP) – Scottie Pippen scored 22 points and the Chicago Bulls wore the Cleveland Cavaliers down 105-96 with their size and bench strength to take a 2-0 lead in the series on Sunday.

Horace Grant had 18 points and 12 rebounds, B.J. Armstrong had 16 points and Toni Kukoc a career-high 11 assists for the three-time defending NBA champions, who again harassed Cleveland's Mark Price into a sub-par game (14 points on 5-of-14 shooting).

"The way Price goes, the Cavaliers go," Pippen said.

Chicago had a three-point lead at the start of the fourth quarter and built it to 10 with 7:06 left.

Rockets 115, Trail Blazers 104

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 46 points and put on a late-game shot-blocking display, giving host Houston a 2-0 lead in the series.

The Trail Blazers stayed within striking distance throughout the fourth quarter, but every time they tried to get the deficit below five, Olajuwon was there to stop them.

Olajuwon blocked a shot by Clyde Drexler with 1:38 left. Then, with 1:11 to play, he caught up with Rod Strickland on a fast break and swatted away a sure-thing layup that would have cut Houston's lead to 104-100.

The Rockets had no problems staying comfortably ahead in the final minute.

Suns 117, Warriors 111

Kevin Johnson scored a playoff career-high 38 points, including 17 in the third quarter when host Phoenix took the lead for good.

Johnson scored 15 points in the final 5:02 of the third quarter. Danny Ainge started the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer, putting Phoenix ahead 94-86, and clinched the game with 3:05 to play on a corner shot that made it 116-104.

The Suns, who lead the series 2-0, didn't make another field goal, but the 12-point lead was too much for the Warriors to overcome.

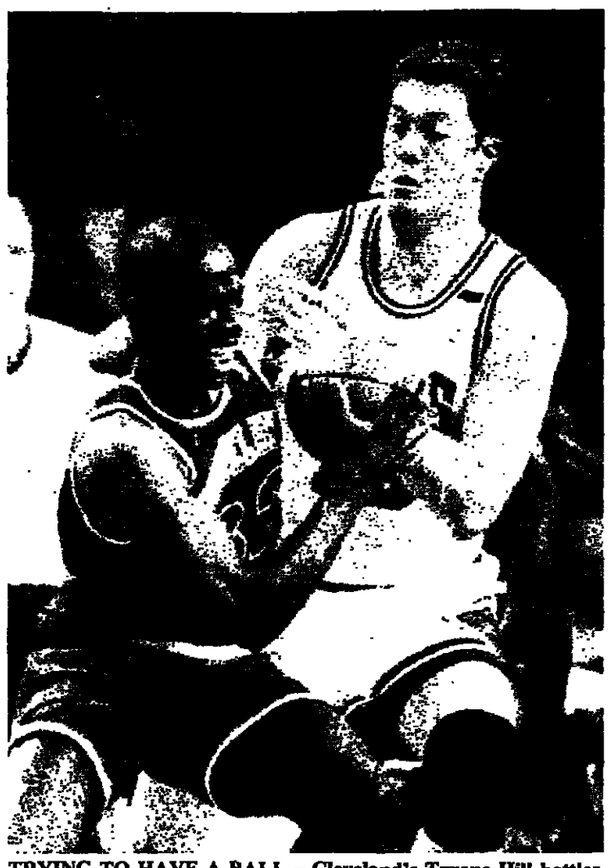
Charles Barkley scored 20 points and Dan Majerle added 17 for the Suns. For the Warriors, Chris Mullin scored 19 of his 32 points in the third period. Latrell Sprewell finished with 19 and Chris Webber had 17.

Knicks 90, Nets 81

With Patrick Ewing unexpectedly missing, Charles Oakley gave the Knicks the boost they needed to take a 2-0 lead in their best-of-5 series.

Oakley grabbed 24 rebounds and scored 14 of his 25 points in the final six minutes of the second quarter after Ewing was ejected with his second technical foul. The burst gave the Knicks a 55-33 halftime lead.

NBA Playoff Glance
Quarter-finals (Best-of-5)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Indiana leads Orlando 2-0
Atlanta-Miami series tied 1-1
Sunday's results:
Chicago 105, Cleveland 96
Chicago leads 2-0
New York 90, New Jersey 81
New York leads 2-0
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Utah-San Antonio series tied 1-1
Seattle leads Denver 2-0
Sunday's results:
Phoenix 117, Golden State 111
Phoenix leads 2-0
Houston 115, Portland 104
Houston leads 2-0



TRYING TO HAVE A BALL – Cleveland's Tyrone Hill battles Chicago's Luc Longley for possession of the ball. (Reuter)

Senna expressed concerns about his car's safety

IMOLA, Italy (AP) – Ayrton Senna knew all was not right with his car.

On the eve of his fatal crash Sunday in the San Marino Grand Prix, the three-time world champion expressed concerns about the stability of his Williams Renault – problems that had come about because of controversial rule changes.

"My car reacts a bit nervously on this kind of race surface," Senna wrote in a column for a German newspaper. "This stems from its special aerodynamics but it's also got to do with a difficulty in the suspension."

It may never be known what caused one of the greatest drivers in Formula One history to miss the Tamburello turn on the seventh lap of the race. The 34-year-old Brazilian crashed head-on into a concrete barrier at more than 300 kilometers an hour.

He died hours later of severe head injuries at a Bologna hospital.

"He looked nervous from the very first lap," said Michael Schumacher, the eventual race winner who was behind Senna when the accident occurred. "He took two or three bumps, but I can't say what happened exactly."

Senna, known for a fiery temperament and aggressiveness on the track, also was a safety-conscious driver. He had been anxious about new Formula One regulations designed to take away many of the electronic driving aids that had become regular features on cars achieving speeds in excess of 320 kmh.

The International Auto Racing Federation said it wanted to give control of the cars back to the drivers. Senna was among the critics who said the changes – especially the elimination of electronic "active" suspensions – would make Formula One more dangerous.

"The cars are very fast and difficult to drive," Senna told a Brazilian newspaper earlier this season. "It's going to be a season with lots of accidents and I'll risk saying we'll be lucky if something really serious doesn't happen."

The safety debate will intensify after one of the most tragic weekends in Formula One history. On Saturday, Austrian rookie Roland Ratzenberger was killed when his Simtek Ford hit a wall during qualifying.

Senna was visibly shaken by Ratzenberger's death, and did not drive in Saturday's qualifying. He wrote in Sunday's *Welt am Sonntag*, a German newspaper, that his fears had been "borne out in tragic fashion."

Senna was already unconscious when rescue crews arrived two minutes after the crash. A pool of blood was on the tarmac as the Brazilian was placed on the helicopter for the trip to Maggiore hospital. He was pronounced dead minutes after a hospital chaplain had administered last rites.

The news shocked Brazil.

"All Brazilians feel this death as if it were a relative," said a reporter as he announced the news on television in Brazil. "Ayrton Senna, after Pele, is the country's biggest hero."

Senna will be remembered as a driver who dared to push a car to the limits. His 65 pole positions were tops in Formula One history, took three world championships, and won more races than anybody except Alain Prost.

"Ayrton and I shared some of the most exciting races ever staged and it's impossible to put into words what a sad loss to motor racing this is," said Nigel Mansell, the 1992 Formula One champion.

Senna won the world championship with Team McLaren in 1988, '90 and '91, and probably didn't win it more often only because other teams produced far superior cars.

Off the track, Senna openly criticized Formula One officials and argued over rules and regulations. A skillful negotiator, he would play one team against another to get exactly the ride in exactly the car he wanted.

"Somehow, Ayrton always gets the most out of the car," said Ron Dennis, the managing director of McLaren.

Bruins, Rangers post victories

NEW YORK (AP) – The New York Rangers, with the best regular-season record in the NHL, continue to flex their muscles.

The San Jose Sharks, with the worst record of any playoff team, hope to do the same.

Coming off a four-game sweep of the New York Islanders and a full week's rest, the Rangers began their second-round series with a 6-3 victory over the Washington Capitals. In Sunday's other game, the Boston Bruins defeated the New Jersey Devils 2-1 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal.

Game 2 in both series will be played today.

San Jose, making its playoff debut in its third year of existence, was a surprise first-round winner over the Detroit Red Wings. Last night, the Sharks were scheduled to play the Toronto Maple Leafs.

In Monday's other second-round opener, Vancouver was scheduled to play at Dallas.

Brian Noonan's second goal of the night enabled the Rangers to take a 1-0 lead over Washington. The Rangers put the game out of reach with three straight goals, starting with Brian Leetch's tie-breaker at 12:47 of the second period.

Noonan, obtained by the Rangers in a late-season trade with Chicago, then scored at 15:45 to give New York a 4-2 lead at Madison Square Garden.

Greg Gilbert and Mark Messier added third-period goals as the Rangers continued their domination over the Capitals, whom they beat in five of six games during the regular season.

"We made some mistakes in our defensive coverage," Washington coach Jim Schoenfeld said. "We had situations where we were outhustled and outmuscled."

The Rangers, who have outscored the opposition in the playoffs 28-6, got another goal from Stephane Matteau, obtained with Noonan. Michal Pivonka, Kelly Miller and Mike Ridley scored for Washington.

Bruins 2, Devils 1

Bryan Smolinski and David Shaw scored early and goaltender Jon Casey and the goalposts made the lead stand up as the visiting Bruins took a 1-0 lead in the best-of-7 series.

While the level of play wasn't spectacular, there was plenty of excitement down the stretch as New Jersey tried to tie the game against Casey, who finished with 34 saves.

After Casey stopped Claude Lemieux on a shorthanded breakaway early in the period, Randy McKay hit the right goalpost on another breakaway. Five minutes later, Bruce Driver hit the left post with a shot from the blue line and Bernie Nicholls, who scored the Devils' goal, was stopped by what appeared to be a combination of Casey's glove and the crossbar on the rebound.

"Jon Casey won us the game," Bruins captain Ray Bourque said. "He played an outstanding game. He made the key saves down the stretch. We didn't open it up and they poured it on us at times. We had to have Casey today because we didn't play that great a game. It was sluggish at times."

NHL Playoff Glance
EASTERN CONFERENCE
(semifinals, best-of-7)
Sunday's results:
Boston 2, New Jersey 1
Boston (1-0)
NY Rangers 6, Washington 3
New York (1-0)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
(semifinals, best-of-7)
Last night's scheduled games:
San Jose at Toronto
Vancouver at Dallas

Cubs continue to lose at Wrigley Field

CHICAGO (AP) – The Chicago Cubs dropped to 0-10 at Wrigley Field this season, matching the longest home losing streak in team history, when they fell 6-2 Sunday to Howard Johnson and the Colorado Rockies.

The Cubs are the only club in the majors winless at home this year. The only other time they lost 10 in a row at Wrigley Field was in 1974 (July 27-31 and August 9-13).

Anthony Young (0-2) took the loss, giving up four hits in 6⅓ innings. Pinch-hitter Nelson Liriano and Mike Kingery each hit two-run singles during a four-run seventh.

Marvin Freeman (3-0) gave up five hits in six innings.

Pirates 4, Braves 1

Paul Wagner completed Pittsburgh's three-game sweep of slumping Atlanta, pitching a three-hitter and hitting a two-run double.

The Pirates, 13-6 since their 0-4 start, swept Atlanta in a three-game series in Pittsburgh for the first time since August 22-24, 1986. Jim Leyland's rookie season as manager. Wagner had a shutout until two outs in the ninth, when David Justice homered.

Sunday's NL results:
Florida 9, Cincinnati 4
Montreal 3, San Diego 2 (11)
Philadelphia 6, San Francisco 4
Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 1
New York 7, Los Angeles 4
Colorado 6, Chicago 2
St. Louis 6, Houston 5

East Division

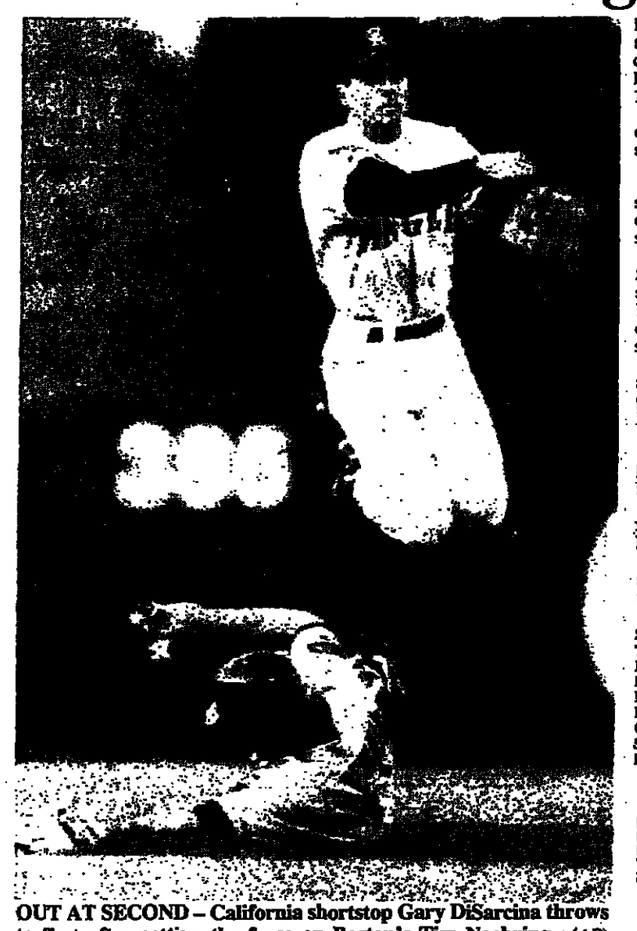
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Atlanta	15	9	.625	–
Montreal	14	10	.583	1
New York	12	11	.522	2½
Florida	13	12	.520	2½
Philadelphia	10	14	.417	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	15	8	.652	–
St. Louis	13	9	.591	1½
Pittsburgh	13	10	.565	2
Houston	13	11	.542	2½
Chicago	6	16	.273	8½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	12	12	.500	–
Colorado	11	12	.478	½
Los Angeles	11	13	.458	1
San Diego	7	18	.280	5½



OUT AT SECOND – California shortstop Gary DiSarcina throws to first after getting the force on Boston's Tim Naehring. (AP)

Expos 3, Padres 2 (11)

Mike Lansing atoned for a key error by singling home the winning run as the Expos completed a three-game sweep.

Lansing's error at second base enabled the Padres to score twice in the eighth for a tie at 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Athletics 8, Yankees 1

Bobby Witt allowed one run over 7⅓ innings in his best outing of the year as the host Athletics ended a 12-game losing streak.

Troy Neel drove in four runs with a pair of singles and Geronimo Berroa had three RBIs, helping the A's snap their second-longest losing streak since coming to Oakland in 1968. The A's lost 14 straight from July 29 to August 12, 1977.

Witt (2-2) took a shutout into the eighth before Paul O'Neill hit a run-scoring double with two outs.

Red Sox 10, Angels 1

Billy Hatcher's RBI single ignited a seven-run third inning, and he later capped the outburst with a two-run single.

Joe Hesketh (1-1) limited host California to five hits in seven innings. He struck out six and walked one as the Red Sox posted their ninth straight win over the Angels dating back to last season.

Boston, which owns the majors best record at 18-7, sent 12 batters to the plate in the third to knock out rookie Brian Anderson (3-1).

Mariners 6, Orioles 0

Ken Griffey Jr.'s two-run home run helped Chris Bosio to his first win of the season.

Eric Anthony went 4-for-5 with a run scored for the host Mariners, who have won six of their last eight games.

Bosio (1-3) gave up seven singles, struck out two and walked one in seven innings.

Sunday's AL results:
Texas 5, Cleveland 4
Minnesota 7, Toronto 3
Detroit 8, Chicago 5
Kansas City 6, Milwaukee 2 (1st)
Kansas City 7, Milwaukee 3 (2nd)
Oakland 8, New York 1
Seattle 6, Baltimore 0
Boston 10, California 1

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	18	7	.720	–
Baltimore	15	9	.625	2½
New York	15	9	.625	2½
Toronto	14	11	.560	4
Detroit	8	14	.364	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	13	10	.565	–
Milwaukee	13	11	.542	½
Chicago	13	11	.542	½
Kansas City	11	11	.500	1½
Minnesota	10	16	.385	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	11	13	.458	–
Texas	10	12	.455	–
California	9	17	.346	3
Oakland	8	17	.320	3½

Two Penguins may be arrested in wake of bar confrontation

PITTSBURGH (AP) – Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Tom Barrasso and defenseman Peter Taglianetti are facing arrest warrants in the wake of a confrontation at a bar.

Police were expected to deliver the warrants yesterday.

Authorities accused Taglianetti of aggravated assault at Froggy's in Pittsburgh on Friday night. Barrasso was accused of making terroristic threats.

Cindy Himes, a Penguins spokeswoman, said Sunday night that she had no knowledge of the warrants.

Froggy's customer David Miness said the Penguins' strength coach was involved, but the coach's name was not mentioned in police documents. The strength coach is John Welday.

Miness told police Taglianetti struck him after Miness complained that Taglianetti bumped into him repeatedly at Froggy's, site of a team party. Miness said the strength coach then head-butted him, breaking his nose.

Miness said Taglianetti and the coach then left the bar, and Barrasso later spoke to him.

He said he told Barrasso that he was going to sue the bar and the Penguins and quoted Barrasso as responding: "What's it going to be like with broken knees?"

The police report said Miness was treated for a broken nose and bruises on his neck, stomach and back.

Miness is a student at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and a resident of Bethel Park, a Pittsburgh suburb.

The Penguins were eliminated last Wednesday by the Washington Capitals in the first round of the NHL playoffs.

Gezer ends Hasaot win-streak

JOSH KALMAN

BILLY Straus's sac fly knocked in the winning run to give Kibbutz Gezer Guest Center an 8-7 win over Hasaot Benny and end a two-season, 24-game unbeaten streak in this weekend's Jerusalem Post Softball League action.

With one out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh, Gezer's Matan Goldberg singled to drive in the tying run. Then Straus hit a long shot to right field allowing Larry Levenberg to beat the throw to the plate.

For Hasaot, Bob Silverman had three hits and two RBIs.

But last year's Friday champs got back on the winning track Sunday with a 19-12 win over Pasta La Pizza.

Dan Schneider 8, Lachish Tours 5

The Schneider side exploded in the seventh to break a tie as Jim Muoio singled and Mitch Pilcer doubled.

Lachish was unable to rally as Pilcer continued to frustrate the Rehovot side, this time from the mound.

Shani Tal Tigers 13
Crazy Richards 1

Crazy Richards also suffered its first loss of the season as Tomer Glantz went 2-2 and Aron Lowey scored three runs. Ari Kanterowitz picked up the win.

In other games played, Ziontours beat The Machson 22-7 and Archeological Seminars crushed Glomar Verticals 20-2.

FIFA not intervening in Bayern controversy

ZURICH (Reuter) – FIFA said yesterday it would not intervene in the controversy surrounding the decision to order a replay of a vital German league game between Bayern Munich and Nuremberg because of a refereeing error.

FIFA said the German Football Association (DFB) had acted within its rights in ordering the game to be played again after the referee wrongly awarded Bayern a goal.

The DFB's decision came after video evidence showed that Bayern, fighting for the title, beat relegation strugglers Nuremberg 2-1 just over a week ago with the help of a goal which did not cross the line. The match is being replayed today.

FIFA recently decided to use video evidence to help with disciplinary sanctions for the first time at this year's World Cup finals.

A FIFA statement yesterday said that, while the DFB had the power to order a replay, it would submit the case to its refereeing committee and to the International Football Association Board, the authority over the sport's rules, for discussion.

Moses gets badminton honors

AMIR Moses of Maccabi Ashdod won the men's singles at the National Badminton Championship at Kibbutz Hatzor, defeating Eli Reymond 18-14, 15-10.

In the doubles, Moses teamed with brother Reuven Moses to whip Manny Gershon (Hapoel Pardes Hanna) and Gil Hidesh (Hapoel Kiryat Tivon) 17-14, 11-15, 15-4.

Winning the women's singles was Svetlana Zilberman (Hapoel Hatzor) who shut out Shoshana Moses (Ashdod) by identical scores of 11-0.

In the women's doubles, Zilberman and Esther Koifman stopped Maybar Ben-Ari (Pardess Hanna) and Anat Sladki (Kiryat Tivon) 15-12, 15-7.

Reuven Moses and Zilberman triumphed in the mixed doubles over Hidesh and Sladki 15-4, 15-2.

Ashdod topped the medal charts with four golds, two silvers and five bronzes.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Purdue star expected to join NBA

With little left to prove in college and an astronomical paycheck awaiting him in the pros, Glenn Robinson was expected to leave Purdue yesterday for the NBA.

Robinson, a 6-foot-8 forward who led the nation in scoring last season with a 30.3 average, refused to preview his announcement over the weekend. But nearly everyone believes his college days are behind him.

Nets players face questions after brawl

Two members of the New Jersey Nets, Derrick Coleman and Jayson Williams, will be questioned later this week by police in connection with a weekend street brawl.

Three teenagers injured in the fight outside a Chelsea bar told police that Coleman and Williams were part of a group that fought with them at 4 am Saturday on West 16th Street and Eighth Avenue in Manhattan, said Officer Scott Bloch, a police spokesman.

Third conviction in US luge team attack

A German teenager was convicted of assault and put on probation yesterday for a racist attack last year on members of the US luge team that outraged many Americans and brought an apology from the German government.

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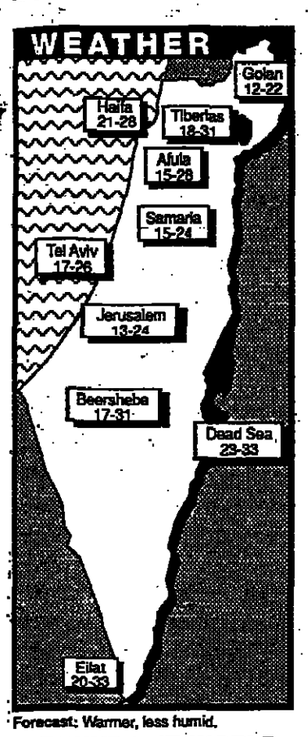
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Chicago	05	41	14	58	clear
Copenhagen	01	34	12	54	clear
Frankfurt	03	37	17	63	cloudy
Geneva	06	42	21	69	clear
Helsinki	-01	30	09	48	cloudy
Hong Kong	27	81	30	86	cloudy
Jo'burg	09	48	25	77	clear
Lisbon	16	61	28	82	clear
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Los Angeles	14	57	22	71	cloudy
Madrid	15	59	29	84	clear
Montreal	08	46	09	48	cloudy
Moscow	06	43	22	72	rain
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FIRE 102

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

THE Gesher Theater made its triumphant Israeli debut in 1991 with Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* in Russian. Now the play is back in Hebrew with Mark Ivanir as Rosencrantz and Dror Keren – the company's first Sabra actor — as Guildenstern. This is a must see. Tonight and tomorrow at the company's new home, the Gesher Theater, 15 Louis Pasteur in Old Jaffa, 8:30 p.m.

ACTOR Yossi Graber gives the performance of his life as Shylock in the Cameri Theater production of *The Merchant of Venice* flamboyantly directed by Omri Nitzan. Graber's Shylock is a man the meaning of whose existence disintegrates when his daughter Jessica is seduced from Jewry to the Christian world. Graber's performance is meticulous, nuanced and heartbreaking. Tonight on the main stage at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)



Mark Ivanir and Dror Keren in the Gesher Theater's production of playwright Tom Stoppard's 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead.' (Eldad Baron)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

IT must be something in the air. Two of the overseas musicians who were scheduled to perform here this week have cancelled. But their respective replacements seem at least as promising, if not more so.

Maestro Yuri Ahronovitch, who earlier this season canceled his scheduled concert with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra due to illness, makes an unscheduled return to the orchestra's podium. He replaces Eri Klas, and in the process the program has changed as well.

Now the JSO performs Schumann's *Manfred* overture and Shostakovich's first symphony. Violinist Ida Handel joins and plays Mendelssohn's ever-popular violin concerto. Tonight and tomorrow (8) at the Henry Crown Concert Hall in Jerusalem.

Young, talented and very beautiful French pianist Helene Grimaud replaces Ivo Pogorelich, who was supposed to play this week with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The program, under the baton of Daniele Gatti, remains the same and features Hindemith's *Noblissima Visione*, Shostakovich's *fifth symphony and Rachmaninov's* second piano concerto. Tomorrow and Thursday at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv and next Sunday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

TUESDAY nights are looking good on Channel 1. Following *Roseanne* (at 9 o'clock) there's another current-affairs program, but this one's different. Nissim Mishal hosts one newsworthy guest (instead of the usual crowd screaming to be heard) and the questions come from viewers who phone in. The telephone number is given at the beginning of the program, so get your dialing finger ready for *Conference Call* at 9:25 p.m.

At 10 o'clock tonight, Haim Yavin presents a documentary about the cultural center of classical Germany, Weimar, which was only five minutes from the Buchenwald concentration camp. Yavin asks whether it's possible that the intellectuals didn't know what was going on in the camp. *Five Minutes from Weimar* is on Channel 1.

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE ☎ 724131 *Films of the New Russia:* **Yevneref** ☐ **The Matchmaker** ☐ **A Woman of Steel and Tears** 5 ★ *International Festival of Environmental Films:* **Chianarap Hofmann** 7 ★ **Technology of the Future** ☐ **The Kuleh, the Jordan and the Kinneret** ☐ **Alipamanda, Causalmanda, Jatarishun** 7 ★ **Black Harvest** 9:30 ★ **The Zoochotic Report** ☐ **Lessons of Darkness** 9:30 G.G. GIL **Jerusalem Mall (Malha)** ☎ 788448 **Intersection** 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **Schindler's List** 1:30, 5, 8:30 ★ **Fan Fan** 1:30, 4:45,k 7, 9:30 ★ **Pelican Brief** 11:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30 ★ **Fearless** ☐ **In the Name of the Father** 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30 ★ **Baraka** 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **On Deadly Ground** 1:30, 4:30, 7 JERUSALEM THEATER ☎ 617167 20 Marcus St. **Trois Couleurs Blanc** 7, 9:30 ★ **Farewell to My Concubine** 6, 9 ORION 1-6 ☎ 252914 4 Shamai St. **Belle Epoque** ☐ **Sister Act 2** ☐ **The Three Musketeers** 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ **The Piano** ☐ **Naked** 5, 7, 9:15 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 **Credit Card Reservations** ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., *Talpiot* **My Father the Hero** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Tombstone** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Little Buddha** 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ **Malice** ☐ **The Good Son** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Remains of the Day** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 ★ **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. **Philadelphia** ☐ **Ma Saison Preserve** 5, 7:15, 9:30 TORAH OUTREACH PROGRAM ☎ 288968 **Follow Me - The Six Day War** 9, 11, 1, 3, 5

TEL AVIV
RAV-CHEN* ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center **Tombstone** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **My Father the Hero** 11, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Malice** 11, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Good Son** 5, 9:45 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The House of Spirits** 7:15 CINEMATHEQUE 1–2 ☎ 6917181 2 Sprinzak St. **Aileen Wournos - The Selling of a Serial Killer** 7 ★ **Picnic at Hanging Rock** 9:30 DEKEL ☎ 5443200 94 Yehuda Hamaccabi St. **Philadelphia** 7:30, 9:45 DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200485 Dizengoff Center **Trois Couleurs Blanc** 11, 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Piano** 11, 1, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Reservoir Dogs** 1, 5:15, 9:45 ★ **Belle Epoque** 11, 3, 7:30 ★ **Trois Couleurs Bleu** 3 DRIVE-IN ☎ 6423080 **Striking Distance** 10 p.m. ★ **Sex Film** 12 midnight GAN HA'IR ☎ 5279228 71 Ibn Gabirol St. **In the Line of Fire** 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Indecent Proposal** 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 GAT* ☎ 6967888 26 Ibn Gabirol St. **Little Buddha** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON ☎ 5236992 87 Ben Yehuda St. **The Unbelievable Truth** 6:30, 10 ★ **Trust** & G.G. HOD 1–4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. **Fearless** ☐ **Pelican Brief** 1:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ **Wayne's World 2** ☐ **Benny and Joon** 1:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 **Naked** 12, 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **One False Move** 5:15 ★ **Fan Fan** 12:15, 2, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ **Farewell to My Concubine** 11, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30 NEW MAXIM ☎ 5287457 48 King George St. **Age of Innocence** 7:30, 9:45 RAV-OR 1-5* ☎ 5102674 Opera House **Ma Saison Preserve** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Joy Luck Club** ☐ **Age of Innocence** ☐ **Remains of the Day** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 ☎ 5271645 Kikar Namir **Schindler's List** 5, 8:45 ★ **Pelican Brief** 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St., **In the Name of the Father** ☐ **Carlito's Way** ☐ **Perfect World** 5, 7:30, *10 G.G. TEL AVIV* ☎ 6281181 85 Pinsker St. **On Deadly Ground** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Intersection** ☐ **In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard **The Unbelievable Truth** 7:45, 10 ZAFON ☎ 5443966 18 Louis Marshall St. **Baraka** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ***Credit card reservations: ☎ (03) 5252244**

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 **Age of Innocence** 7 ★ **Farewell to my Concubine** 9 ★ **The Good Son** 9:15 ★ **The Piano** 7 ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 676003 **Intersection** ☐ **Belle Epoque** ☐ **On Deadly Ground** 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ **Schindler's List** 5:30, 8:30 ★ **Pelican Brief** 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382020 **In the Name of the Father** ☐ **Trois Couleurs** ☐ **Fearless** 4:30, 7, 9:30 CINEMATHEQUE ☎ 386246/383424 *Czech films:* **It's Better to be Rich and Health than Poor and Ill** 7 ★ **Time of Servants** 9:30 ORLY **Philadelphia** 6:45, 9:15 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 **Tombstone** 4:30, 6:45, 9:15 ★ **My Father the Hero** 4:45, 7, 9:15 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416899/8 **Little Buddha** 6:30, 9:15 ★ **My Father the Hero** ☐ **Malice** ☐ **Sister Act 2** 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ **Philadelphia** 4:30, 6:45, 9:15 ★ **Pelican Brief** 9:15 ★ **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 ★ **Tombstone** 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ **The Good Son** 4:45, 7 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* 4:45 ★ **Little Buddha** 6:30, 9:15 ★ **Ma Saison Preserve** 4:45, 7, 9:15

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **Intersection** ☐ **On Deadly Ground** ☐ **The Good Son** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:45, 7:15, 10 RON **Heaven and Earth** 7:30, 10 ★ **Belle Epoque** 7:30, 10

ASHKELON
RAV CHEN 1-5 ☎ 711223 **Little Buddha** 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ **Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Schindler's List** 5:30, 9 ★ **My Father the Hero** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Tombstone** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 **My Father the Hero** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Schindler's List** 5:30, 9 ★ **Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Tombstone** ☐ **Philadelphia** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Intersection** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Little Buddha** 4:15, 7, 9:45

BEERSHEBA
G.G. ESHEL ☎ 274073 **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ 235278 **Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Tombnstone** ☐ **Philadelphia** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 ★ **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* ☐ **Surf Ninjas** 11 a.m.

DIMONA
MOFET **Pelican Brief** 8:30

HADERA
LEV **Schindler's List** 5:15, 9 ★ **Remains of the Day** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Look Who's Talking Now** *weekdays 5* ★ **Fan Fan** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Intersection** 5, 7:30, 9:30

HERZLIYA
ACCADIA CINEMA CLUB ☎ 557799 **Fan Fan** 7:30, 9:45 COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **Remains of the Day** 5, 7:30, *10 DANIEL* **Trois Couleurs Blanc** 7:15, 9:30 STAR ☎ 589068 29 Sokolov St. **Intersection** 9:45 ★ **Little Buddha** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Cool Running** 5 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:45 ★ **Striking Distance** 5, 7:30

KARMIEL
CINEMA 1–3 ☎ 887277 **The Piano** ☐ **My Father the Her.** 7, 9:30 ★ **Pelican Brief** 6:45, 9:30

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL **In the Name of the Father** 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ **Baraka** ☐ **Intersection** ☐ **Malice** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Fearless** 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **Short Cuts** 5, 8:30

KIRYAT BIALIK
KIRYON **In the Name of the Father** ☐ **Trois Couleurs Blanc** ☐ **Pelican Brief** ☐ **Fan Fan** ☐ **Remains of the Day** 7, 9:30 ★ **On Deadly Ground** ☐ **Sister Act 2** 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 9:15 ★ **Intersection** 7, 9:30 ★ **Addams Family Values** ☐ **Look Who's Talking Now** 4:45 ★ **Jungle Book** 4:45 ★ **The Secret Garden** 4:45

KIRYAT MALACHI
HAKIRYA **Blind Side** 7:30, 9:30 ★ **Honey, I Blew Up the Kid** Tue., 5 MOFET **On Deadly Ground** 7:15, 9:30

KIRYAT ONO
MATNAS **Age of Innocence** 8

MIGDAL HA'EMEK
RAV-CHEN **Pelican Brief** 6:45, 9:30 ★ **The Piano** ☐ **The Good Son** 7, 9:30

NAHARIYA
HOD ☎ 920502 **Age of Innocence** 7, 9:30

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 **Intersection** ☐ **Fan Fan** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:30, 7:15, 10

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 **Intersection** ☐ **Fan Fan** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **On Deadly Ground** 5, 7:30, 10 RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 618570 **Tombstone** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Philadelphia** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Little Buddha** 4:15, 7, 9:45

OR YEHUDA
G.G. GIL **Intersection** ☐ **The Good Son** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Pelican Brief** ☐ **The House of Spirits** 5, 7:15, 10

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 **Intersection** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:455, 7:15, 10 ★ **My Father the Hero** 4:45, 7:15, 10 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 **Remains of the Day** 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **Joy Luck Club** 5, 7:15, 9:45

RA'ANANA
PARK **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **Malice** ☐ **My Father the Hero** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Tombstone** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Philadelphia** 5, 7:30, 9:45

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4* ☎ 797121 ***Credit card reservations: ☎ (03) 5252244 Schindler's List** 5:30, 9 ★ **Remains of the Day** 7:15 ★ **The Good Son** 9:45 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ **My Father the Hero** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 **Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Tombstone** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Intersection** 5, 7:15, 9:45

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV **Age of Innocence** 7, 9:30

REHOVOT
CHEN 1–4 ☎ 465979 **Schindler's List** 5:45, 9:15 ★ **Remains of the Day** 7, 9:45 ★ **Tombstone** 7, 9:45 ★ **Trois Couleurs Blanc** 7:30, 9:45

RISHON LEZION
NA'AMAN ☎ 941522 **The House of the Spirits** 7, 9:45 RAV-CHEN 1–4 ☎ 9670503/7 **Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Philadelphia** ☐ **Tombstone** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Little Buddha** 4:15, 7, 9:45 RISHON ☎ 9653230 **Naked** 7:30, 9:45 G.G. RON 1-3 ☎ 9662175 **On Deadly Ground** 5 ★ **Pelican Brief** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Good Son** 5, 7:15, 9:30 HAZAHAV **Fearless** 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30

RISHON NEW IND. AREA
GAL 1-5 **Intersection** ☐ **Fan Fan** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Malice** ☐ **My Father the Hero** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Pelican Brief** 5, 7:15, 10 STAR 1-4 ☎ 9819985-7 27 Lishinsky St. **The Good Son** 7:30, 10 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 7:30, 10 ★ **Little Buddha** 7:15, 10 ★ **On Deadly Ground** 7:30, 10

UPPER NAZARETH
G.G. GIL **Mrs. Doubtfire** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Double Exposure** ☐ **Intersection** ☐ **The Good Son** ☐ **On Deadly Ground** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **Remains of the Day** 5, 7:15, 10

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6.30 News in Arabic **6.45** Cartoons **7.00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8.00 Program Details **8.05** Keep Fit **8.15** Literature **8.40** Arithmetic **8.55** Literature **9.20** English: Candy Can Do It **9.40** Children's stories **10.00** Arabic stories **10.15** Family Relations **10.45** Hey Dad **11.10** Mathematical Eye **11.25** Eretz Yisrael Geography **11.50** Science **12.10** Talmud **12.30** Language for Sagrut **12.45** Life Sciences **13.00** Nature Film **13.10** French: Bienvenue en France **13.20** Literature and Film **14.00** Surprise Train **14.15** Hey Binba **14.30** Secret Valley – adventure series **15.00** News program for children

■ CHANNEL 1

15.35 Tom and Jerry **16.00** News update **16.15** Kids' Court **17.00** A New Evening **17.35** *Northwood* **18.00** Heathcliff (cartoon) **18.10** Language Corner **18.15** News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18.30 Apropos **19.00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19.30 The Cosby Show **20.00** Mabat **20.55** Live broadcast of Lotto results **21.00** Roseanne – comedy series **21.25** Conference Call – talk show hosted by *Nissim Mishal* **22.00** *Five Minutes from* Weimar – documentary film by Haim Yavin. Weimar, where many writers, philosophers and other intellectuals lived, is considered the center of culture of classical Germany. Five minutes away was the Buchenwald concentration camp How is it that these people didn't know of the atrocities taking place during World War II? Filmed in Israel and in Germany. **23.00** Late-night news **23.10** Film: Many Happy Returns (1956) – Satire about an accountant at the US income-tax office who wants to prove himself. He makes the owner of a small sports equipment store and his family his scapegoat until they decide to fight back. Starring George Segal, Ron Leibman.

■ THE NEW CHANNEL 2

14.05 Spending – Consumerism Magazine for Youth **14.30** Frida – straight from the Heart – Norwegian series **15.00** Children of the Rainbow **15.25** Little Golden Book Land **15.50** Mike and Angelo **16.10** X-Men – animated science-fiction series **16.35** Eene, Indiana **17.00** News **17.05** This Is It (rpt) **18.00** Alf (comedy) **18.30** Paradise Beach **19.00** Rock Shock **19.30** Who's the Boss **20.00** News **20.30** Wheel of Fortune – Hebrew version **21.00** With Dan Margalit **22.10** Margot – entertainment **23.00** A Small Place: Moshav Dishon **23.30** News **23.35** Chance in a Million **00.05** Gillette Sports Special

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17.30 French programs **19.00** News in French **19.30** News in Hebrew **19.45** *Medical Drugs* **20.00** *News in Arabic* **20.30** Step By Step **21.10** Moon Over Miami **22.00** News in English **22.20** The Cape Rebel **23.10** The Second Half (comedy)

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14.00 700 Club **14.55** Film: Eagle in a Cage – The story of Napoleon Bonaparte after his defeat at Waterloo and his imprisonment. **16.30** Mighty Mouse **17.20** Dangermouse **17.45** Superbook **18.10** Musical Artist Documentary **19.10** Rescue 911 **20.00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **20.30** CNN Headline News **21.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **21.30** *Star Trek: The Next Generation* **22.20** Moon Over Miami **23.10** 700 Club **00.00** Film: Eagle in a Cage (rpt)

CABLE

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8.00 Local broadcast **9.00** Attitudes **9.45** The Young and the Restless **10.30** Guests in the Living Room **11.00** Major Dad **11.30** Antonella **12.20** Pasquale's Kitchen **12.45** Falcon Crest **13.35** Perfect Strangers **14.05** Mann and Machine **15.00** Trapper John, M.D. **15.50** Murder She Wrote **16.40** American Dreamer **17.05** New WKRP In Cincinnati **17.30** Love Boat **18.20** Neighbors **18.45** The Young and the Restless **19.30** Local broadcast **20.00** Antonella **20.50** Falcon Crest **21.40** Best of Married with Children **22.05** Class of 96 **22.55** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill **23.45** Designing Women **00.10** Quantum Leap **1.00** Hunter

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10.30 The Letter (1940) (rpt) **12.05** Short movie **13.00** Mafia Princess (1986) (rpt) **14.35** Angel in Green (1987) (rpt) **16.15** Mr. Mom (1983) (rpt) **17.45** The Last Ninja (1983) (rpt) **19.20** My First Love (1988) (rpt) **21.00** In Gold We Trust **22.30** Marked for Death (1990) (rpt) **00.00** Poison Ivy (1992) (rpt) **1.30** Storyville (1992) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6.30 Cartoons **9.30** Cartoons **10.05** Ninja Turtles **10.30** Three Little Ghosts **11.05** Thundercats **11.30** Family Ties **12.00** Little House On The Prairie **13.00** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna **13.30** Cartoons **14.05** Casper and Friends **14.30** Piggsburg Pigs **15.05** Thundercats **15.30** Punky Brewster **16.00** MacGyver **17.00** Kofiko **17.30** Cartoons **18.05** Ninja Turtles **18.30** Three Little Ghosts **19.00** Perfect Strangers **19.35** Young Indiana Jones

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

20.35 I Love Lucy **21.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width **21.30** Three on a Match (1932) – melodrama about three schoolgirl friends from a poor neighborhood whose paths cross again in the big city. Starring Bette Davis, Joan Blondell, Ann Dvorak and Humphrey Bogart. **22.35** Widows **23.25** The Producers (1968) (rpt)

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6.00 Open University: History **11.00** Equinox **12.00** Pacific Age **13.00** Extra Dimension **14.00** Open University *16.00 Equinox* **17.00** *Pacific Age* **18.00** Open University **20.00** Invention **20.30** Festivals of the World **21.00** Triangle of Life **22.00** First Tuesday **22.30** The Hawking People **23.00** Body Styles **23.30** On Top of the World **00.00** Open University

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6.30 NBC News **7.00** Supershop **7.30** NBC News **8.00** ITN World News Live **8.15** US Market Wrap **8.30** CNBC Business Report **9.00** ITN World News **9.15** Market Wrap **9.30** NBC News **10.00** Super Shop **13.00** Today's Business **14.00** Today **14.30** FT Business Today **15.00** *Today* **15.30** *The Money Wheel* **18.30** Business Tonight **19.00** Today **20.00** ITN World News Live **20.30** On the Air **21.00** Documentary Showcase **22.00** Ushuaia **23.00** ITN World News Live **23.30** FT Business Tonight **23.50** Market Wrap **00.00** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **1.00** Real Personal **1.30** NBC *Network* **2.00** *Equal Time* **2.30** *The* Golden Age of Rock 'n' Roll

■ STAR PLUS

7.30 Neighbors **8.00** Santa Barbara **9.00** The Bold and The Beautiful **9.30** Donahue **10.30** Oprah Winfrey **11.30** Yan Can Cook **12.00** The Wind in the Willows **12.30** Papa Beaver's Storytime **13.00** Force Five **13.30** Crossbow **14.00** For Your Entertainment **14.30** Neighbors **15.00** M*A*S*H **15.30** Flying Doctors **16.30** Dynasty **17.30** The Bold and The Beautiful **18.00** Santa Barbara **19.00** The Wonder Years **19.30** Doogie Howser, M.D. **20.00** Moonlighting *21.00* M*A*S*H *21.30 E! For Your* Entertainment **22.00** Neighbors **22.30** The Wonder Years **23.00** Doogie Howser, M.D. **23.30** Moonlighting **00.30** Donahue

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6.06 Waking to Music **9.00** Handel: Suite for 2 violins and basso continuo in G minor (English Consort/Pinnock); J.C. Bach: Overture no 6 in G (Ancient Music/Hogwood); Mendelssohn: Octet op 20 in E flat (Hausmusik, period instruments); Mozart: Symphony no 29 (Ancient Music/Hogwood) ±**10.00** Purcell: Ode for St Cecilia's Day (New College Oxford/Kings Consort/King) ±**11.15** Haydn: String quartet in C op 74/1 (Solomon Ot) ±**11.50** An Hour with Jascha Heifetz – Beethoven: Sonata no 9 in A op 47 "Kreutzer", Sonata no 10 in B op 96 for violin and piano ±**12.45** Brahms: Piano quintet in F minor op 34; Debussy: Children's Corner suite; Stanford: The Blue Bird; Elgar: My love dwelt in a northern land **14.06** *Encore* **16.00** *Paganini*: Variations on Carnival of Venice (Accardo, violin/European CO/Tamponi); Boris Blacher: Variations on theme by Paganini (JSO/Rodan: Catalani: Excerpts from La Wally (Tebaldi and others/Monte Carlo/Cleva) **18.00** Israel Quartet plays Beethoven – Quartet in D op 18/3; Quartet in *E flat op* 127 **19.05** *William Lawes* (English, 17th cent): Suite in D (Groningen Guitar Duo); Cimarosa: 7 sonatas from first book (Failoni, piano); Schumann: Fantasiestücke op 73 (Maisky, cello/Argerich, piano); Faure: Trio in D minor for violin, cello and piano op 120 (Beaux Arts); Ravel: Serenade Grotesque (Lortie, piano) **20.03** *Palestrina Mirrored in* his Time **21.00** A Matter of Agreement **23.00** Golden Generation – Forgotten Pianists: Moriz Rosenthal, Chopin: Concerto no 1 in E minor, 2 Nocturnes, no 2 in E flat op 9/2, no 8 in D flat op 27/2, Chanson Polonaise no 1 in G; Debussy: Reflets dans l'eau

■ RADIO 1

6.16 Mishna, Gemara and Tora **7.00** News in English **7.15** News in French **7.30** Hebrew songs **8.05** Dial **9.05** It's Open **10.05** Teleradio **11.05** Finger on the Pulse **12.05** Land of Israel **13.00** News and program in English **13.30** *News and program in French* **14.05** Youth programs **15.30** Ethnic music **16.05** Jewish music **17.00** News in English **17.02** News in French **17.05** Salt of the Earth **18.05** Religious programs **20.00** Evening news **20.50** Hazanut **23.05** Left Luggage

■ RADIO 2

6.06 This Morning – news **8.05** Another Matter **9.05** Popular songs **10.05** It's All Talk **12.05** Midday – news, commentary, music **14.05** Magic Moments **15.05** Foreign Affairs **15.45** Foreign Press **16.05** The Color of Money **17.05** Five After the News **18.05** Today – newsreel **19.05** Hebrew songs **21.05** News headlines **21.15** Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat **23.05** Middle of the Night **00.05** Midnight Magazine **00.30** Middle of the Night, continued **1.05** Tuesday Night Club **5.05** First Light

■ RADIO 3

Music all day and night

■ REKA

18.00 News in English **18.15** News in French **20.00** News in Russian

■ ARMY RADIO

5.02 Good Morning IDF **6.00** Announcements **6.05** Hebrew songs **6.30** Good Morning Israel **7.15** A New Morning **8.00** Good Morning Israel **9.05** It's Difficult in the Morning **10.05**

Public health doctors' strike averted

JUDY SIEGEL

A STRIKE by more than 250 public health physicians was temporarily averted last night when the Finance and Health ministries agreed "in principle" last night to equalize their salaries with those of doctors working in Kupat Holim Clalit clinics.

This would increase the wages of the public health doctors – now the lowest-paid physicians in the country – by a significant amount.

The public health doctors union agreed to postpone by a month the strike that was due to begin this morning. It would have been the first time these doctors had gone on strike.

According to the memorandum of understanding signed last night by Treasury wage chief Shalom Granit and Health Ministry Director-General Prof. Mordechai Shani, a final agreement on wages will be reached by the end of the month.

The strike would have affected doctors in district health offices, family health (*tipat halav*) centers, various ministries, the National Insurance Institute, and municipalities.

Union chief Dr. Noam Millman argued that he and his colleagues had been waiting for increases for three years. "No one pays attention to us," he said. "We earn NIS 1,500 a month!"

Millman said public health doctors are on the bottom of the totem pole, and that even the Israel Medical Association – to which they belong – pays little heed to their needs. (No comment was available from the IMA.)

A strike would have halted medical supervision of dairy product manufacturing and processing of fresh meat and poultry, as well as prevented the issuance of burial certificates.

Meanwhile, unless tonight's meeting between the IMA and Treasury officials breaks new ground, all 12,000 public sector doctors will begin a two-day strike this morning. The strike would close outpatient clinics in hospitals and community health fund facilities, cancel non-emergency operations, and reduce to a minimum the presence of doctors in the wards.

The IMA is demanding wage increases, a shorter work week, and special compensation for difficult specialties to replace the wage contract that expired in December.

Two charged in air rifle shooting spree

RAINE MARCUS

THE owner of the air rifle used in the three-hour shooting spree in the Greater Tel Aviv area last week and another man were indicted on eight charges of assault and conspiracy in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Three other suspects, including a minor, have been released because of lack of evidence.

The two, 17 and 21, were arrested after neighbors heard shots – following the spree during which 20 people were injured, the pair decided to take shots at cats and oil drums.

But police are searching for other suspects who eyewitnesses said took part in the shootings.

Initially the 17-year-old denied all connection to the shootings, saying his air rifle, a present from his parents on his 14th birthday, had been stolen. But he later admitted his part in the shootings, and accidentally implicated Eitan Elbank, of Rosh Ha'ayin during a "friendly chat."

Elbank, the owner and driver of the car used in the shootings, is not cooperating with police.

According to the indictment, an air rifle can kill a human being. On April 24, the day of the shooting, the minor bought a box of 500 darts, "the most lethal type available for an air rifle."

The two plotted to shoot randomly at passersby, with the intent to injure them, read the charge sheet. Elbank drove the car and the minor, sitting in the passenger seat, fired the gun. Altogether 70 darts were fired, 20 of them lightly injured 20 people, including two kiosk owners, who the pair patronized regularly, and a mother sitting in a sidewalk restaurant with her children. A dart narrowly missed the main artery of one of the victims, read the charge sheet. One man out for his evening jog, is still in Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital after a dart punctured his liver.

Elbank would slow the car down each time the two decided to shoot at passersby, while his partner opened fire. In some cases, Elbank stopped the car, took the rifle and shot at their chosen victims.

The minor's lawyers, Moshe Aloni and Eli Cohen, asked Judge Natan Amit to delay a hearing to decide whether their clients will remain in custody until trial.

"We need time to examine the piles of evidence, especially in view of some of the charges, one of them carrying a maximum 20-year sentence," said Aloni.

Charges include aggravated assault, shooting at a man using a route designated for traffic, transporting a weapon, shooting in a built-up area, malicious intent to cause injury, and conspiracy.

Knesset unit threatens to stop funding for local authorities

EVELYN GORDON

IF the government and the local authorities do not reach a funding agreement in the next two or three weeks, the Knesset finance committee might refuse to okay further budgetary allocations to the authorities, committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) warned yesterday.

A broad agreement on how to finance the local authorities' deficit was signed by the Treasury, the Interior Ministry, and the Union of Local Authorities on February 20. According to the pact, the authorities will have to improve tax collection, raise municipal rates (*arnona*), and maintain a balanced budget. In exchange, they will receive government grants to help cover their deficits, distributed according to principles developed in the Swary Report.

However, the agreement has not yet been implemented, because the parties have not yet agreed on the exact criteria for allocating the grants. Disputes include which year should serve as the base for calculating expenses, whether certain authorities should be exempted from the agreement, and how much the authorities can be expected to raise from increased tax collection.

"We are now at the beginning of May, four months into fiscal 1994. Most of the local authorities are operating without an approved budget. They are unable to pay May salaries, and are on the verge of complete shutdown," the Union of Local Authorities warned in a letter to the committee.

Union chairman Adi Eldar told the committee that so far, the authorities have received grants only half the size of last year's, and attempts to supplement the difference with bank loans have not always been successful.

However, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat told the committee the Treasury is giving the authorities advances totaling some NIS 150 million a year for the next two years, to ease the problem.

Gal said that if an agreement isn't reached soon, the committee might refuse all further Treasury requests for local authority funding. By shutting off the tap, he said, "we might compel [the various parties] to finish."

"[The policy of funding the authorities] in dribs and drabs is causing the foot-dragging," he said.

Several MKs criticized various aspects of the government's policy toward the authorities. For instance, Haim Kaufman (Likud) charged that many of the authorities' expenses are due to Knesset legislation whose financial ramifications have not been properly thought out.

"Five thousand Anglo-Saxon immigrants in one city isn't the same as 5,000 Ethiopian immigrants in another city," he said.

Ariel Weinstein (Likud) objected that development budgets should be distributed equally, instead of distributed according to priorities set by the Interior Ministry.



Rabbanit Bracha Kapach of Jerusalem poses with a $6,000 check sent by a 'Jerusalem Post' reader who had read an article about her charitable activities, published several weeks ago. A volunteer who works with Kapach said the article had elicited some $10,000 in donations. (Sarit Uzieli)

Sarid, Ze'evi testify for Deri aide

RAINE MARCUS

FORMER interior minister Aryeh Deri, MK Rehavam Ze'evi, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, former Police inspector-general Ya'acov Terner were among the defense witnesses at the trial of Shas party secretary Zvi Jacobson in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

A former Deri aide, Jacobson, 34, is charged with giving and receiving bribes, fraud and breach of trust. He is accused of bribing Lt.-Col George Granati, of the IDF Conscription Office, to arrange army exemptions for yeshiva students. In return, according to the indictment, Jacobson arranged employment at the Ramat Gan Municipality for Granati's wife Yosefina, and urged the municipality not to fire her.

Jacobson has denied all charges.

Ze'evi told the court Jacobson would try to solve the problems of anyone who needed help "without expecting any favors in return."

Sarid also reiterated Ze'evi's testimony. "I did not get the impression that Jacobson expected anything in return and anyone that knows me is also aware that it is pointless expecting favors in return from me."

Jacobson is also accused of asking Deri to push the army to promote Granati to colonel. Deri said he did not remember asking the IDF personnel branch head to promote Granati.

"I didn't think it was my business to interfere," he said.

Terner told the court that Jacobson had asked him to examine problems concerning the arrest of religious demonstrators and Robert and the late Rachel Manning, who were awaiting extradition on murder charges.

"He turned to me because he saw problems that he believed the Police inspector-general should look into," said Terner. "This is normal in Israeli society. He did not turn to me as a Shas activist, but simply as Zvi Jacobson."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Electricity prices going up

Electricity prices will be going up by some 3 percent as of May 16, the Electric Corporation announced yesterday.

The company said the increase was necessitated by the recent 10%-17% rise in the cost of fuel oil and 2%-4% in the cost of coal which, the company said, increased its costs by 2.3%.

The price of electricity, the company stressed, has not changed since May 1993.

Golan stickers damaging road signs

Stickers placed by Golan heights supporters have covered hundreds of road signs throughout the country, posing a hazard to drivers and causing damage amounting to thousands of shekels, according to an official for the Public Works Department.

"The main damage is from stickers and signs by Golan Heights supporters, particularly on signs giving destinations and information. The work cleaning or removing the signs is difficult and costly," said PWD spokesman Meir Gazit.

Hundreds of signs have had to be completely replaced, Gazit said, adding the average cost of each sign is NIS 1,500.

Ministers against Knesset naming A-G

The ministerial legislation committee decided yesterday to oppose a bill which would make the attorney-general an appointment of the Knesset, by secret ballot, rather than a cabinet appointment.

The bill, by Ra'anan Cohen (Labor), is aimed at eliminating the attorney-general's political dependence on the government. Justice Minister David Liba'i said the committee opposed the bill because it objects to the specific election procedure suggested.

Ikrit and Biram different

Ikrit and Biram are different from other Arab villages whose residents were expelled in 1948, and therefore no precedent would be set by allowing the residents to return, two former advisers to the prime minister on Arab affairs told the ministerial committee on Ikrit and Biram yesterday.

Shmuel Toledano and Prof. Yosef Ginat noted that unlike in other cases, where the villages essentially seized to exist, the villagers of Ikrit and Biram are Israeli citizens, who have maintained a distinct identity and waged a 45-year struggle for the right to return.

Fire watch season begins

The official high-risk season for fires began this week, the Nature Reserves Authority announced. The NRA has started its annual fire regime together with the JNF, National Parks Authority, and local firefighters.

Fire prevention measures include controlled burning, as well as allowing cattle and goats to graze in nature reserves to get rid of flammable undergrowth before it becomes completely dry. The NRA recently reached an agreement with the Israel Railways to clear rights of way through the Nahal Sorek and Judean Hills reserves of flammable shrubbery and treating trees with fire retardant substances.

Berger named to top Health Ministry post

Ya'acov Berger was named deputy director-general for administration of the Health Ministry yesterday, replacing Ilan Cohen, who became city manager of Jerusalem.

Berger, 47, has a bachelor's degree from the Hebrew University and a master's from the University of Haifa, as well as the National Security College. The ministry said Berger, a reserve brigadier-general, is an expert in manpower and systems planning.

Lecturers' panel cuts ties with university administrations

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE coordinating committee of the country's university faculties yesterday announced that they had decided to break off all contact with the university administrations until the new labor agreement was signed.

The agreement was reached six weeks ago, following the 73-day faculty strike which had jeopardized the entire academic year for over 90,000 students. Yesterday the threat to the academic year loomed once again, as the academic staff members held a one-day warning strike, canceling all lectures.

However, rather than continue sanctions that directly affect the students, the professors yesterday announced that they would stop participating in committee meetings that concern academic matters.

Alert prison guard foils escape attempt

RAINE MARCUS

A GUARD at the Abu Kabir lock-up yesterday foiled an escape attempt by prisoners, some of them serving time for security offenses, when he discovered a hole they had apparently drilled in their cell wall.

At around 6 a.m., Sgt. Dubik Babakov went into the dining room in the youth and women's wing as part of a routine examination.

He noticed plaster flakes under one of the tables and, on closer examination, he discovered a 20 x 30 cm. hole in the wall, leading to a cell occupied by six prisoners, some of them from the territories.

The prisoners include inmates sentenced on murder and attempted murder charges. One of them was recently imprisoned for 17 years for a nationalist killing and belonging to a hostile organization.

The hole had apparently been drilled using improvised tools.

Tel Aviv police chief Gabi Last praised Babakov for his "alertness."

Last year, six inmates escaped from the lock-up after threatening a guard with a pistol, stolen from a policeman.

They were caught less than 48 hours later, and police have since made tightened security at Abu Kabir.

Grenade placed under lawyer's car

RAINE MARCUS

SOMEONE with a grudge against Tel Aviv lawyer David Yiftach planted a fragmentation grenade under the wrong vehicle yesterday morning. Instead of booby trapping his car, the grenade was placed under a car – the same color and model – belonging to another lawyer living in the same building with exactly of car.

At 1 p.m., police received an anonymous phone call telling them that Yiftach's car had been booby trapped.

"This time we planted a grenade under his car – next time we will throw it at him," said the caller.

A patrol car went to the lawyer's Ramat Aviv home and called him downstairs. But Yiftach had parked his car far away from his home, and the grenade had been planted under his neighbor's car. Police sappers disposed of the grenade.

Yiftah filed a complaint and told police of potential suspects, who had apparently threatened him during a murder trial in the past.

So far, no one has been arrested.

The Tel Aviv branch of the Bar Association condemned the incident.

"If lawyers are threatened, the only people who will suffer in the end will be clients," said deputy president Moshe Aloni. "Lawyers will be afraid to take on cases if they think they could be in danger."

Pedestrian, 70 killed in Yavne

A 70-YEAR-OLD pedestrian was hit by a truck and killed while crossing a street in Yavne.

Moshe Gabai, who suffered serious head injuries, died shortly afterwards at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer.

Police are investigating the accident.

Yesterday afternoon, eight people suffered light injuries in a pile-up at the Kinneret junction.

The accident occurred when a bus failed to give right of way and hit a truck head on.

An ambulance traveling behind the bus then hit the bus as well. All of the injured were brought to Poriya Hospital near Tiberias for treatment. (Itim)

Afula victim to have bar mitzva fete in hospital

CHIEF Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, MKs, doctors, entertainers, sports figures and, of course, family members, are all to attend the bar mitzva celebration Thursday of Shlomi Eliahu, who was seriously wounded in Afula car bomb attack early last month.

The boy is still hospitalized at the Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva, after having undergone several operations.

The arrangements for the celebration were made by hospital staffers and volunteers. (Itim)

NY stage directors teach AIDS awareness

HELEN KAYE

NEW YORK directors Irene Diamant and Wilfredo Medina, are spending this week in Israel under the auspices of the Jerusalem AIDS Project, teaching AIDS awareness and prevention using theatrical techniques they have developed. They are working with school drama directors in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

The workshops will give participants the ability to teach effective attitudes and behavior relating to AIDS.

Diamant explained that, "in our workshops, we develop scenes which address the issues. At a certain point, the scene is stopped, the actors stay in character and field questions from the audience in a technique known as interactive theater.

"We dramatize the issue and leave it to the audience to find the answers and solve the problems," she added.

Diamant and Medina have spent the last 15 years with their Family Life Theater, and have reached thousands of students in the US. Their method is applicable to a wide range of social issues, ranging from the prevention of AIDS and drug abuse to rape, incest and the resolution of family and other conflicts.

The directors are here as part of the Jerusalem AIDS Project's ongoing efforts to disseminate AIDS information. Before they leave, Diamant and Medina will perform a scene developed from their workshops at a Jerusalem school on Thursday.

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, eight of hearts, eight of diamonds and king of clubs.

MIAs' families ask Israel, US to speed up efforts to bring them home

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE families of soldiers missing since the Lebanon War last night called on both Israel and the US to "step up efforts to bring the boys home," following a meeting yesterday with US Assistant Secretary of State Bob Peletreau.

In his talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad, Secretary of State Warren Christopher broke no new ground, Peletreau told the families during the meeting at Jerusalem's King David Hotel. Members of the families expressed the concern that, if nothing was done immediately, the agreement with the PLO would be signed and the MiAs would be forgotten.

Osnat Fink said her brother Yossi, and Rahamim Alsheikh, had been declared dead on the basis of information from the Hizbullah. "But," she added, "the bodies have not even been checked yet." Her father, Mordechai, added: "Please give us the facts, after 12 long years."

"[PLO leader] Arafat has historical evidence," said Yona Baumel, father of MiA Zacharia, "but Assad has up-to-date facts. Our information is that the boys were alive a few months ago."

The plea to end the uncertainty was echoed by his wife, Miriam, who said: "If there are bodies, as some claim, show them to us and then we'll be quiet."

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